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CHINA IMBROGLIO

HAS RUSSIA REFUSED TO TALK?

SUBMISSION TO LEAGUE?

Peacemaker Believed To Be At Work Now

OVERTURES FLATLY REJECTED IN MOSCOW

A new development appears to have arisen between Russia and China by reason of the reported rejection of China's overtures for a peaceful settlement, by negotiation, of the Chinese Eastern Railway dispute.

China, it is now stated, will now (as was indicated in earlier cables) submit her case to the League of Nations, thus placing the onus for any actual hostilities on Russia.

Meanwhile, a neutral zone has been established at Manchuli, which may exercise a restraining effect on the forces on both sides.

DRAFTING CABLE TO LEAGUE

Berlin, Yesterday.

Although the Soviet Embassy denies that negotiations with China are pending here, it is stated in political circles that private pourparlers are being conducted, with a good chance of success, by a well-known journalist who is *persona grata* to both the Chinese and the Russians by virtue of long residence in both countries.—Reuter.

Submission to League?

Nanking, To-day.
It is stated semi-officially that the National Government of China has decided to settle by peaceful measures the dispute with Russia.

Should the Soviet ignore China's peaceful intentions, it is added, China will submit the dispute to the League of Nations for settlement. The telegram to the League in this connection is in course of being drafted at present.—Reuter.

Russian Denial

Moscow, Yesterday.

The Tass (official) agency denies the reported negotiations between China and the Soviet. It says that *Chang Tso-tsin's* representative at Berlin has attempted to meet Krestinsky and that the overtures have been rejected.—Reuter.

[The late Marshal] Chang Tso-tsin is mentioned probably, instead of the present authority in Manchuria, his son, General Chang Hsueh-liang.

No Help for "Whites"

Nanking, To-day.
It is learned semi-officially that Russia has refused to negotiate with China. China is, therefore, submitting the issue to the League of Nations.

Meanwhile a neutral zone of 20 miles is being mutually established at Manchuli, by the Chinese and the Soviet troops, while instructions have been issued by the Chinese authorities to their troops along the border not to permit any "White" Russian irregular forces to use Chinese territory as a base for operations against the Soviet.—Reuter.

Neutral Zone

Mukden, Yesterday.

Both the Russian and Chinese authorities have shown signs of their definite desire for the peaceful settlement of the Chinese Eastern Railway issue. Such desire is indicated by the fact that both the Soviet and the Chinese forces, hitherto stationed along the Russo-Manchurian border, near Manchuli, and facing each other within striking distance, suddenly disappeared from their respective defence lines early on the morning of July 28, leaving a neutral area of about 50 miles extent to the north of Manchuli.

It appears that following the peaceful gesture made by the Soviet Government in relaxing its border vigilance in the direction of Manchuli, the Chinese military authorities gave instructions to the commander at Manchuli also to relax vigilance to a certain extent.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

Both Sides Withdraw

Tokyo, Yesterday.

While Japanese Foreign Office advisers indicate that Chinese diplomats in various countries are extremely active, official confirmation of the reports of negotiations in Berlin and elsewhere, aiming at a settlement of the Sino-Soviet dispute, is lacking.

Meantime, press dispatches from Manchuria indicate that both Russia and China are withdrawing their troops from the border, creating a neutral zone for the purpose of avoiding clashes.

Avoiding Danger

Reports from Manchuria state that Chinese troops in the after-

CARR ENFORCES THE FOLLOW ON

S. AFRICA'S TASK

282 RUNS REQUIRED TO AVOID INNINGS DEFEAT

FEATURES OF FOURTH TEST

For the first time in the rubber, one side has had to undergo the indignity of following on. And when stumps were drawn yesterday at the conclusion of the second day's play in the Fourth Test Match at Manchester, South Africa had seven wickets to fall but required 282 runs to save an innings defeat.

In the 1st innings, South Africa's last two wickets realised 24 runs, each of which had to be fought hard for because the English bowlers were "on top." Then, after an interval, England's bowlers wrought further havoc with the new ball. Three of South Africa's best batsmen collected only four runs between them and, when stumps were drawn, the 2nd innings score was 15 runs for three wickets.

Carr Declares

England has to-day an appreciable number of runs to "play about" with and all day to capture seven wickets—unless the weather interferes. If England wins, the rubber will have been secured as there is only the Fifth Test left; and this begins at the Oval on August 17. England won the Third Test; the other two were inconclusive.

Rain during the week-end and yesterday morning, says Reuter, had affected the ground. The rival captains, A. W. Carr and H. G. Deane, inspected the wicket four times before play was resumed at 1 p.m. Because of the change in conditions, Carr had declared England's 1st innings score closed at the Saturday night figure of 427 runs for 7 wickets.

Quinn, Bell, and Vincent shouldered the heaviest responsibility among the bowlers and none was outstandingly successful. Six in all were tried by Deane.

Barratt's Distinction

Siedle and Catterall opened for South Africa in the little time before lunch. Barratt, who is Larwood's colleague as fast bowler in the Notts team, had the honour of being one of England's first line of attack in his maiden Test and he drew blood early. Catterall (one of the three in the visitors' team who have toured England before) was his victim, caught by Sutcliffe.

In first wicket down, Mitchell stayed with Siedle until the interval, when the score was 4 runs for 1 wicket, Siedle having 1 and Mitchell 0.

Later, 5 wickets had fallen with only 43 runs on the board. "Tich" Freeman was in deadly mood and Geary also did well.

Then came a stand between Taylor (who has turned England twice before) and Morkel. The former made 28. Owen-Smith, who has the third highest aggregate and the best average in the South African side thus far in the Tests, failed for once. At the tea interval, South Africa were only 106 runs for 8 wickets.

Morkel's Defiance

Morkel ultimately reached 63, being dismissed (l.b.w.) by Geary. He was responsible for 21 of the 22 runs from the bat after tea. Quinn, who was 0 out at tea, carried out his bat for 1. Bell, last man in, was caught by Duckworth (behind the stumps) off Geary for a "blob."

One extra was conceded before tea and two after. So that the total reached 130, leaving South Africa 237 in arrears.

Barratt's analysis makes interesting reading. It shows that the opposing batsmen treated him with the greatest respect. He sent down 10 overs, 4 of which were maidens, conceded 8 runs and took 1 wicket. Geary also gave away less than a run per over. He had 13 maidens and 2 wickets. In 20 out of 32 overs, on the other hand, Freeman had 71 runs scored off him—but he took 7 wickets, which was ample reward for his enterprise. Woolley and Wyatt were the change bowlers.

The Follow On

Carr enforced the follow on. The three South Africans dismissed in the time before stumps were drawn were all bowled down. Siedle, Catterall and Mitchell fall-

ANOTHER AERIAL TRAGEDY

FUTILE EFFORTS

SMASH IN ATTEMPTING TO BREAK A RECORD

10½ DAYS IN THE AIR

Minneapolis, Yesterday.
The aeroplane "The Minn Kota," while attempting to break the refuelling endurance record, crashed after 154 hrs., 40 mins. Captain Crichton was killed and the pilot, Owen Haughland seriously injured.

Later.
Haughland is dead.—Reuter's American Service.

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WILLIAMS AND YANCEY

New York, Yesterday.
Williams and Yancey, who recently flew in the "Pathfinder" from America to Rome, were officially welcomed on their return here from Europe and given gold medals by Mayor Walker.—Reuter's American Service.

JUTE MILLS

STRIKE EXTENDING IN CALCUTTA

WORKING HOURS DISPUTE

Calcutta, Yesterday.
The 64-hour week in the jute industry, which was started on July 1, already produced a strike in four mills and has extended to-day to another three.—Reuter.

ed as they did in the 1st innings, Barratt sending back Siedle and Geary the other two.

H. W. Taylor, the best batsman in the side, who has scored more than one Test century against England, collected 10 and was undefeated. Quinn was promoted from the foot of the batting list to partner Taylor and play out time; which he succeeded in doing although he did not score. One extra was allowed, making the total 15 runs for 3 wickets.

South Africa need 282 runs more to save defeat by an innings. Scores to date:—

ENGLAND—1ST INNINGS
H. Sutcliffe, b Morkel 9
E. H. Bowley, b Bell 13
R. E. S. Wyatt, c Cameron, b Vincent 113
F. E. Woolley, c b Vincent 154
E. Hendren, b Quinn 12
M. Leyland, c Cameron, b Mitchell 55
A. W. Carr, c Bell, b Quinn 31
G. Geary, not out 2
F. Barratt, not out 28
Extras 2

Total (for 7 wts., dec.) 427
G. Duckworth, A. P. Freeman did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.
Morkel 18 5 61 1
Quinn 31 3 95 2
Bell 32 3 113 1
Vincent 36 4 98 2
Mitchell 8 3 21 1
Owen-Smith 5 0 16 0
South Africa—1ST INNINGS
I. J. Siedle, l.b.w., b Freeman 6
R. H. Catterall, c Sutcliffe, b Barratt 3
B. Mitchell, c Geary, b Freeman 1
H. W. Taylor, b Freeman 28
H. G. Deane, st Duckworth, b Freeman 0
H. B. Cameron, c Bowley, b Freeman 13
D. P. Morkel, l.b.w., b Geary 63
H. G. Owen-Smith, c Barratt, b Freeman 6
C. L. Vincent, c Geary, b Freeman 6
N. A. Quinn, not out 6
A. J. Bell, c Duckworth, b Geary 0
Extras 8

Total (for 3 wts.) 130

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.
Barratt 10 4 8 1
Geary 22 3 18 2
Freeman 32 12 71 7
Woolley 9 3 22 0
Wyatt 2 1 8 0
South Africa—2ND INNINGS
I. J. Siedle, b Barratt 1
R. H. Catterall, b Geary 1
B. Mitchell, b Geary 10
H. W. Taylor, not out 2
N. A. Quinn, not out 0
Extras 1

Total (for 3 wts.) 15

"CHARMING LADY"

ACCUSED IN THE SINCERE CASE

BAIL REFUSED MEANTIME

A young Chinese woman whose solicitor, Mr. F. H. Loseby described her as a "charming lady," together with two men and another woman, described as an amah, were this morning formally charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, in connection with the burglary in the jewellery department of Sincere's.

The accused were:—
Tang Yee-hing (man), charged with (1) breaking into Sincere's jewellery department on the night of July 25-26 and stealing jewellery valued at \$5,500; (2) breaking out of the premises after stealing the jewellery; and (3) receiving stolen property (an alternative charge).
Yeung Ping-chung (man), receiving stolen property, namely six jade pendants and three jade stones.
Tung Kam (amah), receiving six jade pendants and three jade stones from the man Yeung Ping-chung.
Tam Kan-mui (23), Mr. Loseby's client, charged with receiving three jade stones from the man Tang Yee-hing.

A Week's Remand
The Police asked for a week's formal remand in custody for further investigations to be made, and the Magistrate granted the application, giving an adjournment until Tuesday next.

Depot Ship Medway
Coming to the China Station

London, Yesterday.
The depot ship Medway, accompanied by the new submarines, Osiris, Oswald, Otus, and Odin will leave England in October for the China Station via South America.—Reuter.

The four accused were arrested together with a third woman, described as an amah, and all the stolen jewellery was recovered. The other amah is not being charged because there is insufficient evidence against her.

No Bail for the Lady!
Later in the morning Mr. Loseby again attended Court and applied for bail for the young woman, Tam Kan-mui.

Mr. Hamilton said that as he did not know anything about the case yet, and as the Police had told him that it was going to be a summary case, he did not feel justified in giving bail at present.

Mr. Loseby submitted that the Magistrate could, if he wished, give a sufficiently big bail which would keep the woman in the Colony. The only evidence against her was that she was an amah.

This morning's weather report states:—

Typhoon of unknown intensity within 60 miles of Lat. 24 degrees N. Long. 119 degrees E. moving N.W.

An anti-cyclone is central between Japan and the Bonins. The eastern typhoon entered the coast near Amoy and is now over Kiangsi, probably filling up.

Forecast:—S.W. winds, moderate; cloudy, rain.

once against her was that someone who was arrested told the Police that he had given the lady some property. It was a hardship for her to be held in custody for a week. She was a very charming lady and well known here.

Police Objection
Detective Sergeant Flattery said that the Police objected to bail at present.

Mr. Hamilton promised to consider the matter of bail at the next hearing when he would know more of the facts of the case.

Mr. Loseby argued that it was a hardship to keep her for a whole week before considering bail. He suggested that he should be given leave to apply again for bail to-morrow or the day after. Surely the Police ought to be able to acquiesce in the Magistrate with the facts of the case in the interval.

"Lose Some Business"
Mr. Hamilton remarked that "there ought not to be undue hardship. She would lose some business during her absence, that's all."

Mr. Loseby: She has lots of property here, I understand.

Sergeant Flattery said that a lot of property was found and the Police had evidence that she was deep in this case. Mr. Hamilton gave Mr. Loseby leave to apply for bail again on Thursday, but warned him that if the Police still opposed bail then he would have to give very heavy bail, which would be almost prohibitive.

To-day's rainfall 0.26 inch
1929 rainfall 36.46 inches
Average 51.10 inches
Deficit 14.64 inches

DON'T WASTE WATER!

TYTAM RESERVOIR OVERFLOWS

WATER PROBLEM

POSITION TO-DAY BETTER THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO

DRY 12 MONTHS NOW ENDED

The water position in the Island of Hong Kong to-day is even better than on the same day in 1922 when a shortage—not as acute as that of 1929—caused some anxiety.

This morning the reservoirs contained 1,002 million gallons (this not including the 10 million gallons or so in the service reservoirs). Although almost no rain fell in the 24 hours from yesterday morning up to the reading at 7 a.m. to-day, the "gain" (as the result of week-end rains) is nearly 20 million gallons. Water continues to flow along the catchwaters to-day.

As has been stated in the "China Mail," Pokfulam reservoir has been overflowing for two days. Tytam reached overflow level last night, the surplus going over the dam into Tytam Byewash, which is half full. After filling Tytam Byewash in, perhaps, two days, the water will, it is hoped, run down into Tytamuk, the Island's largest reservoir, which is only about a quarter full. Wong-wei-chong reservoir remains a few inches below overflow.

Tanks to Remain

Substitution of supply in the "Queen's-road-and-northward" area of Hong Kong by the street fountains instead of the tanks began to-day. The expense of transporting water across the harbour from the mainland to the tanks is thus saved; and the position now warrants the saving, at least until the whole problem is reviewed by the Government at the end of September. The tanks will remain in case they are needed before the summer of 1930.

To-day's change will probably require an additional quarter of a million gallons daily from the reservoirs to feed the fountains for 12 hours a day, the consumption varying according to the weather, which governs the public's requirements. The total daily consumption in Hong Kong, therefore, ought to average about 4½ million gallons.

Began Last Year

To-day last year there were 1,828 million gallons of water in storage in Hong Kong. In 1928 the rainy season began very early, rain falling heavily during May and June, when the reservoirs overflowed. But the rain came too soon and the subsequent dry season set in earlier than usual. So that after June 3 or 4 last year, the storage total kept on decreasing. In fact, the fluctuating state of drought may be said to have lasted practically a year, from July 1, 1928, to June 30, 1929. The rainfall for these twelve months amounted to 37.27 inches, which is a record minimum. Hence the acute shortage this year. But the heavy rains of this month have improved the situation, so much so that, when compared with 1922—the nearest parallel—Hong Kong Island has more water in reserve to-day than it had exactly seven years ago.

The accused told the Magistrate that he knew nothing about the opium. The box was not his. He was merely looking after it for a fellow passenger who had a lot of luggage and could not handle all himself. His own luggage was a basket with some clothing packed in it. In view of the fact that he had been victimised, he asked the Court to order his release.

Mr. Hamilton did nothing of the sort. He said that he was satisfied that accused was a ringer for the smuggling syndicate and ordered him to pay a fine of \$3,000 or go to jail for six months.

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OPIUM RING AT WORK

BIG BUSINESS

PASSENGERS FROM UP-COUNTRY PORT

THREE "RUNNERS" CHARGED

That the opium syndicate in Chinese territory is still actively engaged in smuggling illicit opium into the Colony was shown this morning when Revenue Officer Grimmit charged three more runners before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy.

All three arrived in the Colony as passengers on a ship from an up river port, and in each case the opium (raw stuff) was concealed in the false sides and bottoms of boxes into which a smaller box forming a tray was slipped and then nailed to the larger one with small nails.

Special Attention

All three men were arrested on the water front as soon as they came off the ship which had been receiving the special attention of Revenue men during the past ten days or so. Passengers on this ship had their luggage searched on the wharf in the usual way and all boxes of a suspicious appearance were placed aside and their owners detained after they had been searched and their keys taken from them. This was to prevent them discarding the keys.

After all the passengers had been searched, the suspects were taken with their luggage to the main office of the Import and Export Department where the boxes were searched. The procedure was for each man to be given the keys taken from him, and then they were asked to pick out their own boxes and open them themselves. Prior to opening the boxes, the suspects were asked if they knew if opium was inside and how much.

What a Box Revealed

The first man charged this morning had 120 taels of raw opium in his box which he opened himself in the presence of Mr. Grimmit and Chinese Revenue men. Examination of the inside of the box led to the discovery of the tray which was removed and the opium, in cakes, was found packed around the sides and bottom of the box. When this man was asked how much opium he had, prior to the box being opened, declared that he had only 86 taels.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF DULSE
IN OUR DIET

IODINE, AND HEALTH

[By Professor J. Arthur Thomson]

Long ago, in College days in Edinburgh, we used to hear the fishwives from Musselburgh making the "closes" ring with their penetrating cry: "Wha'll buy my dulse and tang, dulse and tang?" They were hawking the fronds of dulse (Rhodymenia palmata) and other seaweeds, which were believed to be health-giving and disease-averting.

Modern research has justified this belief by proving that iodine, which is well represented in some of the seaweeds, is a useful, indeed "absolutely essential" constituent of the food of man and beast. That iodine works against goitre and allied deficiency disorders has long been known more or less vaguely, now the fact is precise and insistent. In our youth it was customary to give invalids, especially ailing children, dishes of carrageen, or "Irish Moss" (Chondrus crispus), which contains in its gelatinous substance a good percentage of iodine.

What Sailors Chew

Even to-day we see sailor-men, who look defiant of all the ills that flesh is heir to, eating with evident gusto the fronds of dulse which they have bought at the fish-market. After a long voyage the dulse probably supplies some needed vitamin, as well as iodine. Perhaps Nebuchadnezzar, who had for a while to eat grass like an ox, was not so far off dietetically. In any case, he got better.

It has become quite clear that the infinitely little in the way of inorganic constituents (and we may include some form of iodine under this heading) may be just as indispensable as an infinitely little quantity of some organic vitamin.

Balancing Life

Living matter is a chemical firm, usually, if not always, with "Mind" in the head-office, as potent as it is inaccessible. The visible members of the firm are not all of the same importance, for no one will credit a carbohydrate or a fat with the dignity of a protein. But the point is that while none of them is tremendously important by itself, the efficiency of the firm is due to the way in which the various members co-operate, working into one another's hands. The visible members of the life-firm are proteins, carbohydrates, fats, water, and salts, besides some rather elusive members, whose department is headed "enzymes" or, in old-fashioned labelling, "ferments."

If we isolate the visible members of the firm they are often unimpressive (though they may suddenly exhibit unsuspected powers of exploiting, advertising, cheating, maddening, poisoning); but it is as a firm that they are so formidable. Life is largely an entente cordiale based on a balanced synergy of powers.

Cause of Failure

But we must go farther and recognise that in the materials on which the essential living matter or protoplasm works within the body, there has to be a sustained "balance." The organisms that could not balance their accounts have proved failures, or, since Nature is sometimes good-humoured as well as stringent, they have subsided into quaint, half-dead survivors, for whom life cannot be much worth living.

Iodine is widely distributed, in very small quantities, in minerals, soils, seas, rivers, and the dust of the air. It is common in plants, but seaweeds have much more than freshwater plants, and the latter are richer than terrestrial plants. As long ago as 1816 Fyfe of Edinburgh demonstrated the presence of iodine in sponges; that was eight years after the discovery of the element by Courtois, a nitre manufacturer of Paris. But its occurrence is now known to be widespread in the animal body, from freshwater crayfish and snails to mammals, where it is detectable in blood and milk, but particularly in the thyroid gland, which lies beside the voice-box or larynx.

Need for Experiments

Crofters near the coast in the Highlands and elsewhere have often proved the value of manuring their little fields with seaweed; and while other constituents are, of course, involved, it seems likely that the iodine, relatively abundant in the sea-ware, counts for much. In any case, there are some precise

experiments that point to the conclusion that a controlled dosage with iodine favours the growth of certain plants, and also renders their chemical routine more effective. But there is need for more experimentation along this line.

The sailor chewing dulse is directly introducing more potassium iodide into his food-canal and thus into his blood; but the net result will be affected by the regulating thyroid gland, which produces the influential iodine-containing chemical messenger or hormone, called thyroxin. This thyroid hormone, thyroxin, is essential for the continued health of body and mind; and the organ must be regarded as the controller of the iodine exchanges in the body.

What Iodine Does

It is plain, however, that a controller's function will not avail if there is an initial deficiency in the material to be controlled. So we come back to the importance of an adequate supply of iodine in the food. All this is explicated in a masterly way by a Review of "Iodine in Nutrition," by Dr. J. B. Orr and Dr. Isabella Leitch of the Rowett Institute, Aberdeen, a valuable scientific balance-sheet published by the Medical Research Council, through His Majesty's Stationery Office (2s. 6d.).

A Repulsive Disease

One of the most repulsive and humiliating of human diseases is goitre, which is marked by an enlargement and pathological condition of the thyroid gland, and by associated bad health. The goitrous gland, once disagreeably common in some Alpine resorts, is represented by Derbyshire neck and allied disorders in England. The enlargement of the thyroid is accompanied by a reduction in its iodine content, and the whole body suffers. This reduction in the iodine content and in the health-maintaining iodine-containing hormone may be due to other factors, but the main factor is a deficiency in the iodine intake. While confined animals in certain regions suffer from goitre, their wild relatives that get "salt-licks" of iodine remain in vigour.

As regards man, it may be said that "in the vast majority of cases administration of iodine arrests the growth of the goitrous glands and reduces their size." This seems to us an exhilarating scientific statement: Savoir pour prévoir, Prévoir pour pouvoir. Knowledge is foresight and foresight is power.

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Cheungchau Notes

ECHO OF GREAT STORM IN 1908

Cheungchow, Yesterday.

Twenty-one years ago on July 27 was a night to be remembered by those who were on Cheung Chau, when many of the pioneers fled from collapsing houses into the raging storm, while others struggled with doors and shutters to save their property.

Sad news reached the settlement on Saturday, a cable from Manila telling of the death on board the "Empress of France" of the Rev. W. M. Robb who with his wife and daughter, were expecting to spend the Summer at Baguio. Later news brought the information that Mr. Robb passed away on Friday of meningitis. He had not been well for the last few weeks, but the news came as a great shock to the members of the American Reformed Presbyterian Mission and to his many friends here. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Robb and the children, the two elder ones being in the States. Mr. Robb was a frequent visitor on the Island and will be greatly missed as he was one of the ablest preachers and Bible expositors, and took a prominent part in the Bible Conference last Summer. His work as a Missionary had been carried on for many years at Takling, but lately he had been transferred to Loting.

Great interest has been aroused in the arrival of the new launch which made the full day's trip on Wednesday last. A description of the vessel has already appeared in the "China Mail." The accommodation for passengers is much more convenient and roomy than on the old boats and the trip is made just under the hour. There is one complaint that she rolls rather badly, but the weather lately has been squally. The weather (owing to the frequent rains) has been unusually cool.

Services have been held each Sunday, the Rev. R. Reece conducting the first one and the Revs. Mitchell, Bray and Woodward the following weeks. The Rev. Bastin will be the speaker next Sunday.

Sunday school, and Bible study classes have been conducted and well attended. Prayer meetings are held every Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Cheung Chau Residents' Association will be held early next month and the meetings of the Bible Conference later. Miss Ruth Paxton, of Shanghai, will be one of the chief speakers.

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ORDER FOR THE CURRENT WEEK

The following orders have been issued by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Acting Captain Superintendent of Police:—

Chinese Company

Squad Drill. All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend at the Company's Headquarters to-day, at 5.30 p.m. sharp for squad drill under L/Sergeant R43 Ts'o Chi-on. Dress—Muff.

Signalling. The Signalling Squad will attend at the Company's Headquarters for practice in Morse and Semaphore under Cr. Sergt. R15 Ow Yeung Kin-heng to-morrow at 6 p.m. sharp.

Inspection Parade. All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, for the monthly inspection of arms, equipment, etc. by the Company Commander. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—White uniform, cap with white cover; rifle, belt, sidearms, truncheon, whistle, armband, badge, "Pocket-Policeman," and note-book to be carried. Those not in possession of uniform will attend in muff. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander.

Indian Company

Parade. All ranks of the Indian Company will parade at Police Headquarters on Tuesday, August 6 for drill under Sergeant Condon. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. White uniform, belt and cap with white cover. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander.

Flying Squad

The fortnightly patrol of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Thursday, August 8. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Khaki uniform.

The next fortnightly patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, August 13. Fall in at the Tsim-tsa-tsi Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Khaki uniform.

Sharpshooters' Company

Revolver Practice. Members of this Company are reminded of the revolver practice to be held on Sunday, August 4 at 10 a.m. (For details, see last week's orders).

Arms Licences. Members are again reminded of the urgent necessity of being provided with arms licences.

Khaki Helmets. Khaki helmets should be drawn from the Police Store on any Saturday morning, as soon as possible.

(Sd.) T. H. KING,
Capt. Superintendent of Police.

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Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, returning to the United States, after a very successful expedition in Java and Indo-China.
Mr. H. J. Coolidge, nephew of the ex-President of the United States, travelling to Shanghai, thence back to the United States.
General Chan Chai-tong, Military Governor of the Kwangtung Province, travelling to Nanking in company with other members of the Kwangtung Government.

OCEAN RACE

"BREMER'S" RECORD ACROSS
THE ATLANTIC

When the new express liner "Bremer" glided from the harbour of Bremerhaven this summer and her bow turned westward for the six-day trip to New York, the world witnessed the first skirmish in a titanic struggle for supremacy on the sea. It will be a long and hard-fought battle, its results rest in the future—and in the hands of ship-builders and the designers of aircraft, says "Popular Mechanics Magazine."

The "Bremer" and her sister ship, the "Europa," were launched last summer under the star-and-anchor house flag of the North German Lloyd Lines. The "Europa," whose original sailing date was set for early this summer, was badly damaged by a fire which swept the upper decks while she was under construction and the maiden voyage until early in 1930.

Both are giants, and stand forth in rank of size among the great ships plying the Atlantic. With a tonnage of 46,000, their long decks stretch 620 feet from stem to stern. In their fourth classes there will be accommodations for 2,000 passengers in quarters setting new standards in ocean travel, a crew of 950—the cream of the Lloyd's veteran seamen—will man each.

The speed of these new vessels will not be definitely known until the maiden trips. Officials of the Lloyd have kept details of the engine design of the sister ships secret. They have, however, announced them as five-day ships—the first Atlantic vessels ever to be placed on that schedule. The two liners will make a bid for the speed records across the Atlantic now held, as it has been for over twenty years, by the "Mauretania."

In spite of marvellous innovations in ocean transportation in the last thirty-five years—the installation of private baths and other luxuries, the introduction of turbines, the recovery of radio communication, the invention of devices for detecting icebergs—there has been practically no increase during the period in the speed of vessels.

The "Etruria" made the voyage from Liverpool to New York in three hours under six days. That was in 1892. Later the "Campania" made a trans-Atlantic time of five and a half days on a trip from Queenstown to New York. The "Mauretania" holder of the speed record from 1907 to the present time, has made the journey in slightly less than five days. She is, however, a day slower than that is her normal time for crossing.

These new North German Lloyd vessels are scheduled to make the crossing from the Channel ports in five days—120 hours—and the trip from "Bremer" in six—a scheduled time below that of any passenger ship afloat. What they will be able to do to beat the "Mauretania's" record is a mystery, but rumours on good authority place the speed of the sisters at not less than twenty-seven and a half knots (thirty-three and two-thirds land miles an hour). With this average speed, it is not improbable that a four-day crossing of the Atlantic will be nothing unusual in the future. The placing of 46,000-ton liners on such a schedule is more unusual when one remembers that the "Mauretania" is a boat of only 30,000 tons, "built like a yacht."

Thirty engineers supervise the propelling machinery of each ship, consisting of high, medium and low-pressure turbines, working in two separate engine rooms and driving four seventeen-ton bronze propellers. The steam used for power is condensed by a cooling apparatus which calls for 22,000 tons of sea water per hour. The plants supplying the ships with electric power are as large as the power house of the famous university city of Heidelberg. Signal bells and telephones, also operated by the power plant, are located at 10,000 point in each ship.

To cut the time for express mail, an airplane on the sea deck of the ship will be catapulted for a speedy trip with mail when the liners are 1,000 kilometres (about 620 miles) from shore.

Supplies for this ship's population of 3,000 persons are taken on at Bremer and include the following items for each trip: 100,000 pounds of meat, 30,000 pounds of fish, 35,000 pounds of fowl, 10,000 pounds of bread, and 45,000 of flour for bread and pastry to be baked in the electric ovens, 4,800 of coffee, 200 of tea and 800 of chocolate. There will be 17,600 quarts of milk, 2,000 quarts of cream, 15,000 pounds of butter and 2,000 of lard.

In addition to getting a new record for speed, the "Bremer" and the "Europa" are also expected to surpass any of the previous ventures in "luxury seas." Every stateroom, from third class up to first, has hot and cold running water. The first class cabins all have private toilet facilities, 180 have individual baths, and 100 are fitted out with showers.

SHIPPING
SECTION.

IRELAND'S FREE PORT

CLAIMS OF DUBLIN AND
CORK

The Chairman of the Dublin Port and Docks Board (Mr. P. J. Lawrence), advocating Dublin as the site for a free port in the Irish Free State, sees in it the possibilities of marked progress and prosperity, and urged that it should receive the earnest attention of the Government.

A free port, he explained, should be free from Customs control. A portion of such port should be set apart for the storage and finishing of goods to be re-exported without Customs supervision of any kind. Dublin had plenty of accommodation for ships and for goods.

There were no difficulties, he said, in the way of obtaining a navigable depth of 35 feet at high water in the port, which would be ample for all vessels in the North Atlantic trade. There was available space for warehouses, and sites for additional industries, accessible to the railways and to the city. Few realised the great opportunities for development that were presented at the port of Dublin. But, in the absence of a free port, full advantage was not likely to be taken of these opportunities.

There was a reclaimed area which could be cut off to form the suggested free port. Contrasting what was done elsewhere, he quoted the example of Gothenburg, which had come into service as a free port in 1922. Traffic there had increased at such a rate that the port authority had prepared plans for additional accommodation. Dublin was better situated than Gothenburg. A start could be made at Dublin, where excellent accommodation had been extended to facilitate increasing traffic.

As a distributing centre for England, the geographical position of Dublin favoured it as the best in the Free State. There was a regular service of steamers into Dublin distributing English and Continental goods, and exporting the products of the Free State. It would be a saving to ships in the Atlantic trade if they made Dublin a port of call for the Clyde or Bristol Channel or Liverpool, which absorbed a large proportion of the Atlantic trade.

At Alexandria-road, abutting Alexandria Basin and North Wall, there was storage accommodation for several million gallons of petroleum products, which was connected by pipe lines into Alexandria Basin. For coal-burning vessels it was only a short run from Dublin to the Scotch and Welsh coasts.

The Position of Cork
A claim in favour of Cork to be the site of the proposed free port has been put forward by the Harbour Board. Some doubts, however, appear to exist as to the efficacy generally of such a port, and the chairman of the Board, Mr. Wallace, asked for a definition of free port, or what it would benefit manufacturers or consumers.

It was stated by Mr. Gorgan that his idea was a port to facilitate the import of raw materials to be used in the manufacture of articles free of duty, until such times as these were being distributed. Attempts were being made to divert the idea of such a port from Cork to Dublin, and the Board should see that they were not out-manoeuvred.

It was pointed out by Mr. Horne, who represents large shipping interests, that members of the Free State Government, when on a visit to Cork, had conceded that in the event of certain developments in the harbour, Cork should be constituted a free port, but there should be development on a larger scale.

In connection with this matter a report was received from a committee who had inspected the reclamation works in progress at Tivoli. It was recommended that negotiations should be commenced with the Great Southern Railways Company to provide a connecting railway link or siding. An approach road of about 1,000ft. in length and 40ft. wide is in course of construction. There is to be a width of 60ft. allowed for wharves, which would give a total width of 100ft. in front of warehouses built on the off-side of the roadway and facing the wharves. There should be no lettings until the approach roadway was completed.

TURKEY'S CUSTOMS TARIFF

It is reported from Constantinople that the National Assembly in Ankara has passed a new Customs tariff which is definitely Protectionist in character. It will come into force three months after its ratification, probably some time during September. Practically all imports will have to pay an average increase of 25 per cent. Owing to the increased tax upon paper, the Government has promised to grant bonuses to the newspaper publishers to enable them to continue publication. Turkey resumes her liberty of action in the matter of Customs tariffs five years after the ratification of the Treaty of Lausanne.

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News was received in the Colony yesterday that the s.s. "Lok Sun" was badly gutted amidship by a fire which broke out in the hold.

The "Lok Sun" went on the rocks off Samun Island about three weeks ago. She was holed and wedged in between two rocks. The "China Mail" then predicted that she would have to be cut in halves, like the J.C.J.L. liner "Titebeet" two years ago. It is now understood that salvage is impossible and that, if she is to be saved, she would have to be cut in halves, but the opinion is held that she is not worth such expenditure.

On Friday night her crew abandoned her, and a wireless message was received here by the Naval Authorities on Saturday afternoon that the ship was on fire. H.M.S. "Bridgewater," which was on patrol duty nearby, went to the scene, but owing to the roughness of the sea, no assistance could be rendered to the stranded vessel.

Capt. T. H. G. Brayfield, principal of the firm of Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke, who are the local agents, went out to the "Lok Sun" yesterday on the "Taikoo" tug, together with Capt. Edmondson, master of the ill-fated steamer. They found that the fire was a serious one, the vessel having been practically burned out amidships, whilst the bridge and upper works were gone. Four boats and the aft-house have also been damaged by fire. The cause of the outbreak is not definitely known, but it is thought that the most likely cause was spontaneous combustion in the bunkers, where 150 tons of coal was stored.

Sold by Auction
The "Lok Sun" was sold by auction yesterday afternoon at Messrs. Lam-mert Bros.' auction rooms. There were about 200 prospective purchasers present. After much bidding the steamer was sold as scrap iron for \$11,900 to the Sun Fat S.S. Company, of No. 640, Canton-road.

STEWART SUE

CLAIM BY SAI NAM STEAMSHIP
COMPANY

Before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood at the Summary Court yesterday, the Sai Nam Steamship Co. were plaintiffs in an action taken out against Kwong Lam for the recovery of a sum of \$880.75. Defendant was the former steward on board the s.s. "Charles Hardouin." He was given certain articles and cooking utensils for the purpose of his job. Later the steward was "fired" out to another party and defendant was alleged to have failed to account for various articles, the cost of which formed the subject of the claim.

After hearing evidence, his Lordship non-suited the plaintiff, with liberty to apply, and gave costs to defendant with an order that execution be deferred for one month.

Mr. A. E. Hall appeared for the plaintiffs and the defendant was represented by Mr. Frank X. d'Almeida.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" from Hong Kong on July 10, arrived at Vancouver on July 27. The P. & O. s.s. "Rajputana" from Hong Kong arrived London on July 26 at 5 a.m.

The B.I. s.s. "Talamha" will leave Amoy for this port on July 31, p.m., and is due here on August 1, p.m. The B.I. s.s. "Talmia" left Singapore for this port on July 27, p.m., and is due here on August 1, a.m.

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MOREA	10,953	16th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	6,949	16th Aug.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*GARBETA	5,327	20th Aug.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KARMALA	9,159	30th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*NAGPORA	6,291	1st Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*MIRZAPUR	6,715	2nd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	10th Sept.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
ALPORE	6,273	11th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
MANTUA	10,946	18th Sept.	Shanghai.
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Spanish Methods

One of these artificial restraints, namely, the way in which the Spanish authorities treated foreign vessels when the customs regulations had been infringed, was the subject of an other resolution at the Hamburg meeting. It was emphasized that the fines were out of all proportion to the errors made, and in several instances were so heavy that their enforcement must be considered as confiscation of foreign property, and contrary to the law of nations. The meeting declared that the many encroachments hampered the peaceful commercial intercourse between Spain and other countries, and that they were inconsistent with the Convention relating to customs formalities of 1923, which Spain was a signatory. It is gratifying to state that the Spanish authorities have, to a certain extent, paid attention to the statements of the Conference, and that the regulations regarding timber, which have been modified. It also appears that a more lenient attitude on the part of the Spanish Customs authorities can be expected in the future.

The Conference has declared its adherence to the principle that state-owned ships commercially employed should be subject to the same jurisdiction and liabilities as other ships. Since this important matter was taken up, the attitude of the countries carrying on trade with state-owned vessels has, in many cases, been changed to one of surrender to civil jurisdiction, but the question has so far not been dealt with by an international convention, and the law on this point is still very complicated and not uniform.

Although the tonnage available for the world's trade is still in excess of the demand, certain governments persist in giving assistance for the building of new ships. If this new assistance continues to be added to the already overburdened market, the hope of getting out of the slough of despond is bound to be reduced. The Conference has already dealt with this problem on previous occasions, and its attitude has been re-affirmed. It has been emphasized that the interest of international trade requires that the policy of state facilities for shipbuilding be discontinued.

There has been extensive co-operation with national shipowners' associations and also with protection and indemnity clubs. Mention has already been made of the number of clubs which have joined up as members of the Conference, and this arrangement leads us to anticipate pleasant relations in the future.

HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the results of the analysis of the tidal observations taken at the Kowloon tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doherty during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kowloon but they may be used for the Victoria Harbour and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

July 31 to August 6, 1929.					
DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER	DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
July	Standard Times	Ht.	Standard Times	Ht.	Standard Times
Wed. 31	m 4 22	5.6	m 0 31	2.2	
Thurs. 1	m 6 3	4.0	m 10 33	3.3	
Thurs. 1	m 5 17	6.4	m 1 18	1.6	
Fri. 2	m 6 33	5.9	m 11 26	3.4	
Fri. 2	m 6 14	7.9	m 3 3	0.9	
Sat. 3	m 7 11	7.0	m 0 31	3.4	
Sat. 3	m 6 44	4.0	m 3 51	0.4	
Sun. 4	m 8 4	7.9	m 1 12	3.3	
Sun. 4	m 10 39	4.1	m 3 37	0.4	
Mon. 5	m 8 27	8.1	m 2 15	3.2	
Mon. 5	m 7 7	9.0	m 1 18	0.0	
Tues. 6	m 9 48	6.1	m 3 5	3.2	
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Discharge at British Ports

It is stated by the Information Bureau of the Conference in its annual report that stevedoring conditions in British ports came in for a considerable share of attention. There are signs which seem to indicate that it will be possible in a not too remote future to obtain a much needed revision of the prices charged in certain ports. As a case in point should be mentioned the cost of discharging ore at Hull, where a reduction was enforced by the Hull Incorporated Chamber of Commerce and Shipping through negotiations with the stevedores on the strength of urgent representations made by the Information Bureau. The basis of these representations was the figures supplied by a shipowner who had instructed his captain to keep a careful count of the number of men employed on shore and on board. The total cost of discharging 650 tons are amounted to £70, out of which £20 represented the estimated cost of labour, and the remaining £50 the profit of the stevedore and his expenses to shovels and buckets. The vessel was discharged by means of her own winches. In another case the total cost of discharge was about £235, out of which one-third, or about £119 only, represented the cost of labour.

The arrangement previously concluded at West Hartlepool was maintained after having been found satisfactory by the few shipowners who were in a position to try it, because they had the right to appoint their own broker and stevedore. As will be remembered, the arrangement was to the effect that a certain firm by contract with the stevedore, charged and the clearance of the vessel by shipowners would be able to obtain a reduction of 9d. to 1s 6d in the tariff prices according to the nature of the cargo and the method of discharge. The arrangement did not interfere with that part of the work for which merchants are responsible or with a proper apportionment to the cost of discharge under the Baltic charter.

It is a riddle to most owners why the cost of discharging of cargo varies so widely in British ports to the extent which is actually the case. The comparative basis of the work for which the vessel is responsible is the same, namely, for the discharge of the cargo until, alongside under certain charter conditions, under others to ship's rail, if discharged by hand, or within reach of the ship's or shore crane tackle if thereby discharged. It would not seem possible that local conditions could make any material difference between the work so performed, but nevertheless the cost of discharge varies, not within a reasonable margin, but within a margin of about 200 per cent.

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A similar variation is found in the cost of other work in British ports. Tally, not only of wood, but also of fruit cargoes, is much higher in some ports than in others without the vessel obtaining any appreciable advantage from the higher charge. At Bristol the tally of wood cargoes was thus 1s. 6d. per std. while in London the same work could be performed at 7d. to 9d. per std. A reduction was obtained at the former port to 1s. for full cargoes, the rate of 1s. 6d. to be charged only for part cargoes.

The explanation of the difference is no doubt to a large extent that the higher cost arises in ports where legal or de facto monopolies exist, either as at Garston exercised by the dock company, or the same effect is obtained in other ports through strong rings of stevedores and tally clerks.

Stevedoring Monopoly

It was reported that the trustees of the Clyde Navigation at Glasgow intended to seek an extension of their powers to include also the undertaking of stevedoring in certain docks and practically all master porters or at any rate the control of the charges to be levied by master porters, as well as all services in the timber yards of the trustees. Although the Conference as a foreign institution was not considered to have any locus standi in opposing through the proper channels the seeking of such powers, representations were made to the departments concerned on the ground that the proposed action on the part of the trustees would be detrimental to the interest of international shipping, and might be considered also to affect the interest of British shipping abroad adversely by creating a precedent the effect of which could not be estimated, seeing that similar attempts had manifested themselves in certain other countries.

A statement of the views of the Conference was compiled for the use of the Chamber of Shipping in their official petition against the power sought by the trustees. The system adopted in a number of British ports of levying harbour dues according to the graphical situation of the ports from which the vessel arrives or to which she is destined has caused complaints in cases where the effect of the regulations was rather harsh in practice. For instance, at Middlesbrough, one line of demarcation is drawn at the North Cape, which means that vessels bringing ore from places east of the North Cape have to pay higher dues than vessels carrying the same kind of cargoes from places west of the North Cape. In spite of the representations made to the responsible parties the anomaly was not corrected on the contention that it might lead to similar claims being made by shipowners of one from other places, namely, from the eastern part of the Mediterranean, which were included in the same category as ore cargoes from east of the North Cape.

Standard Documents

Although the Conference is an association of shipowners, the Documentary Council, states the report, is fully alive to the necessity of meeting the requirements of the various trades served by shipping, and is concerned in introducing conditions which are fair and reasonable to owners and merchants alike. Charter-parties established in pursuance of this policy facilitate chartering and other business transactions, reducing at the same time the prospects of disputes to a minimum. They also remove the possibility of one of the contracting parties feeling that it has been taken advantage of by the other, a feeling which is always fostered when one-sided charter conditions are imposed. Experience has proved that once an agreed form of charter-party has been introduced in a particular trade the interested parties would not, in any circumstance, consider a return to the former unstable state of affairs, which would leave it to

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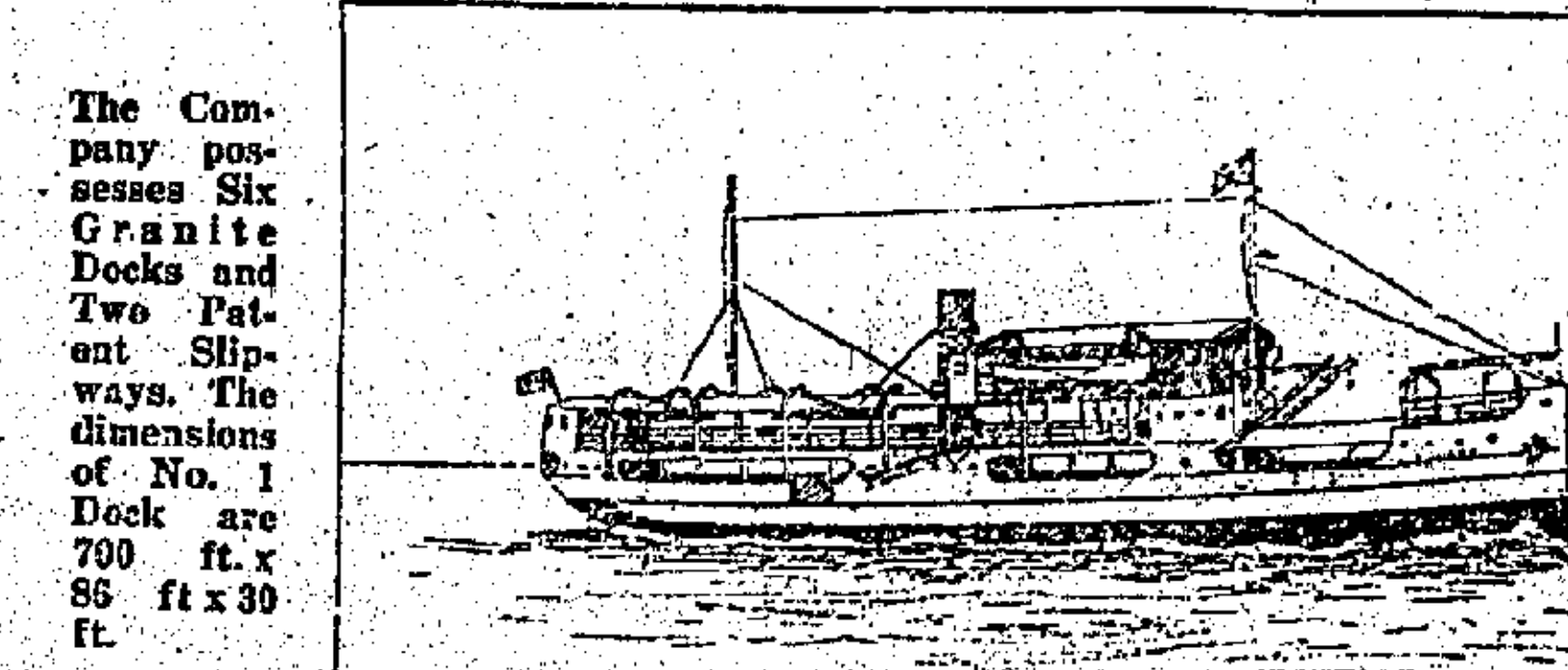
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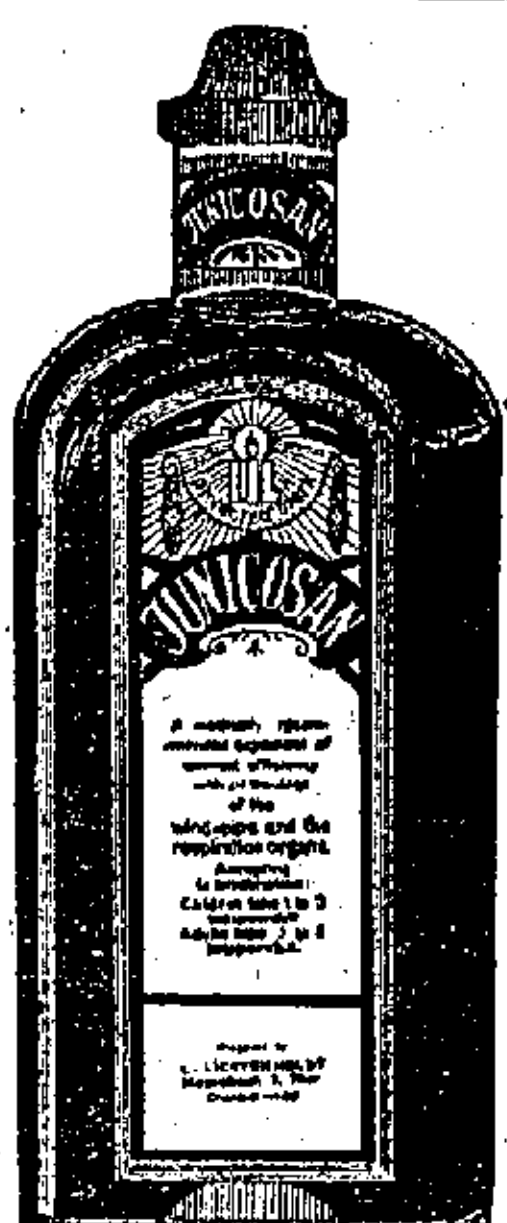
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BIRTH

PRIOR.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. T.
Prior at the Victoria Hospital
on July 29, a son.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, July 30, 1929.

BURGLARY PROTECTION

Much satisfaction will be felt over the quick recovery by the Police of the valuables stolen from the Sincere Co., Ltd., during the recent burglary. The Police have also to their credit a number of arrests in connection with the case but, as the persons in custody are to be prosecuted, this aspect of the matter is *sub judice* and, accordingly, cannot be commented upon. It will be recalled, however, that for a number of years the Criminal Investigation Department has been baffled by the series of alarming burglaries at many of the big shops in the heart of the business centre of the city. There was one occasion in which a part of the "swag" was found in another part of a building which had been broken into, but there has not been any arrest of note. Tremendous quantities of goods of all varieties vanished, as it were, into thin air. And the owners of the stores were much perturbed. All kinds of precautions were taken but, after a time, some other place would be entered and at least one of the largest general stores was visited more than once.

For over a year now, what is known as the "European" hong district has been immune. So that the feeling of anxiety has, to a certain extent, passed. Not so the vigilance. We are not re-

vealing any state secret by saying that the Police still wage unceasing watch. Patrols by detectives are maintained day and night and a special larceny squad is assigned the duty not only of following up reports but also in the more important direction of prevention. There is no relaxation, even in daylight, of the search in the lanes and alleyways for possible clues of preparation or planning of burglaries. This method has succeeded and, it seems, is the only one which will circumvent the gang or gangs who, presumably, are still at large.

The root of the trouble lies in Hong Kong being a free port. Obviously the stolen property is not disposed of within the Colony. Otherwise, with the Police and their agents taking infinite pains, or by a degree of luck, some of it would have come to light. No impediment in the way of packing stolen merchandise and shipping it away freely can be conceived under conditions prevailing. Consequently, the burglar gangs of the past have not had recourse to the local receiver or "fence" but have gone elsewhere to realise their ill-gotten gains. In other words, once they get clear, the thieves can laugh at the Police and sell their loot with impunity. Which makes it all the more difficult for their traditional foe, the policeman. Hence the unusually high degree of watchfulness kept in season and out of season. The Sincere Co. case was an exception in that, it is gathered, some of the jewellery reached other hands in the Colony. By a coincidence, this capture by the Police follows a case a little while ago, in which the property recovered had been stolen from premises in charge of Mr. F. C. Mowfung, who is Assistant Superintendent of Police (Reserve). The Police Force is to be congratulated on these two successes, but the public must remember to give abundant support by taking all reasonable care and not think that, because the Police have solved a "big" burglary, there is no further need to protect oneself as much as possible.

The "Excitable" French
The resignation of M. Poincare as Premier, and necessarily also of his Cabinet, has, of course, been hailed everywhere as a "French Political Crisis." But it must be admitted that the simplicity of M. Briand's solution rather robs it of its so-called critical aspect. M. Briand, who

may be described as an "old hand" at the political game—he having been Premier on more occasions than he probably now remembers—merely calls upon the Cabinet to "carry on," while he carries on also the post of Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, which he himself occupied in the Poincare Administration and announces that the Premiership will be his special care. Delightfully simple. Had such a crisis occurred at present in Great Britain, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and his Cabinet together with all his Conservative and Liberal opponents would probably have rushed the country into another General Election, with its flurry and scurry among the constituencies and its enervating excitement at the polls. But though "they" order these things differently in France, we still persist in regarding our Gallic friends as much more emotional and excitable than we "phlegmatic Britons." But are they?

For trick cycling in Nathan Road a Chinese boy was fined \$3 or in default three days' jail at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Colonel J. McD. Haskard, General Staff, China Command, leaves today in the "President Grant" for a month's holiday in the Philippines, returning to Hong Kong on September 1.

An official announcement from the local Corps of St. John Ambulance Brigade states:—"The profound sympathy of all members of the Corps is extended to Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, J.P., Superintendent of the Mong Kok Division, in his recent bereavement."

Yeung Kwan was cautioned at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning against washing clothes within a street fountain (100 yards), because she said that she was from the country, and had been in Hong Kong for only one month and not accustomed to the law here.

Before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, a sampan woman was charged with the unlawful possession of four spanners, two chisels and a scrubbing brush. The chisels bore the Government mark. The Magistrate decided that there was no evidence that the articles were stolen, and discharged the accused. The two chisels were confiscated, but the other articles were returned to her.

There was some excitement on the Hoi On wharf yesterday while a herd of cows was being landed from the s.s. "Kaoehow." One of them fell overboard and landed in the middle of a fishing net spread out over a sampan to dry. The cow struggled frantically, the net was torn to shreds, and the sampan was almost overturned. Eventually the animal was safely landed, and the owner had to pay compensation to the fisherman.

Messrs. Berruex and Groten Huis were summoned before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Court for causing obstruction by leaving their cycles in the shelter previously used for parking motor cycles at the "Star" ferry wharf. Both defendants pleaded that they did not notice the new sign, Mr. Berruex remarking that it was only a few inches long and not easily noticeable. Mr. Groten Huis said that as a matter of fact his cycle was left there by a friend to whom he had loaned his cycle. The Magistrate imposed fines of \$3 each.

ORDER OF ST. JOHN

STRENGTH OF AMBULANCE BRIGADE

ENCOURAGING PROGRESS

The following information, taken from the 1928 report of the Chapter General of the Order of St. John, will be of interest.

Strength of the Brigade	
(a) In the British Isles.	
Ambulance (Men)	38,222
Nursing (Women)	13,409
Cadets	5,814
Total	57,445
(b) Overseas.	
Ambulance (Men)	7,727
Nursing (Women)	2,289
Cadets	461
Total	10,477
Grand Total, 67,922.	

Appointments
1.—H.R.H. The Duchess of York has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of Nursing Divisions.
2.—Major General Sir Havelock Charles, G.C.V.O., K.C.S.I., LL.D., M.D., F.R.C.L. Chief Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas, has been created a Baronet by H.M. the King.

1 MONTH FOR 20 CENTS

A Chinese lad, 14 years of age, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment for the theft of 20 cents from another Chinese.

CANTON ITEMS

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF GOES TO NANKING

HIS ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG

H.E. the Commander-in-Chief of the 8th Route of the Nationalist Army of China, General Chan Chai-tong, left Canton yesterday afternoon on the gunboat "Chungshan" and arrived in Hong Kong in the evening. The "Chungshan" anchored off Shamshuipo in the Naval anchorage there. General Chan and his suite stayed in the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, and embarked later on the American Mail Line s.s. "President Jefferson" which sailed early this morning for Shanghai. From Shanghai, General Chan Chai-tong will proceed to Nanking to attend the conference on military retrenchment.

Phone to Hong Kong
Canton, Yesterday.
The Canton Municipality has decided to install a long distance telephone service with Hong Kong. According to plans, the wires will be laid underground to avoid interruption by bad weather. The terms and particulars of construction have already been drawn up and tenders will be invited in the near future.

New Road on Honam
The new road on Honam Island, the construction of which had been laid down according to the first part of the programme of the Canton Municipality, has now reached the stage of completion with the exception of laying the asphalt.

The ceremony for the opening of these roads will take place at the end of next month.

Work on the second part will commence in the middle of August; the stores and residences on Lung Kai Sam Yeuk-road are being vacated for demolition.

Chungshan Model District
In order to make Chungshan a model district not only in name but also in fact, the members of the Chungshan Council have decided that no more gambling and opium smoking shall be allowed within the district. There is, however, at present a sampan and poplu lottery, which was farmed out officially to a private company, and it may be necessary for the District Council to await the expiry of the concession before gambling can be entirely wiped out. Mr. Lee Luk-chiu, the magistrate of Chungshan, is now in Canton to present to the Canton Government the petition of the Council, relative to the prohibition of opium and gambling.

Rounding Up "Reds"
As previously reported, the Communist troops under the command of Chu Tak and Chu Mo retreated to Houkang in Fukien with the Cantonese 7th and 8th brigades in close pursuit. In order to round up these remnants quickly so as to prevent them from making further trouble, the Canton Government has cabled the Fukien Government to despatch troops to co-operate with the Cantonese troops.

In the meantime, the 13th regiment of the 7th brigade has been sent from Sungkou to attack Houkang; other troops will follow up. The Communists number about 2,000. Their defeat by superior Government troops, now approaching, is a question of only a few days.

Chinese Emigration
On receipt of a petition from the Overseas branch of the Kuomintang, stating that the climate of the French Colony known as New Island, for which the French officials are seeking to enlist emigrants from China, was very unhealthy, the local Government has issued orders to the different districts to prohibit the enlistment of emigrants for that island.

General Cheung Wai-tseung
Although it was previously reported that General Cheung Wai-tseung, Chief of the Canton Aviation Bureau, had left Canton to take charge of the National Aviation Department in Nanking, it is now learned that, in view of the Canton Aviation Bureau not having yet found a suitable successor to take over the office, General Cheung has decided to return to Canton for a brief visit, prior to his taking over his Nanking post permanently. Canton News Agency.

HINDUS & MOSLEMS

NEW WAY OF TACKLING AN OLD PROBLEM

Bombay, Yesterday.
The plan to divide India into separate Hindu and Moslem spheres and to convert seventy million of the depressed classes therein equally to Hinduism and Mahomedanism, was mentioned by Mahomed Ali, in giving evidence before the Committee enquiring into February's disturbances at Bombay.

All said the plan had been originated by the Aga Khan whose followers at Ahmedabad and elsewhere were acting thereon and converting men, women and children. Ali said he had discussed the subject with Gandhi who had said that "it was doing a religious thing in an irreligious way."

P'RAPs

P'RAPs NOT!

Large Lady: "No, Ma 'usband ain't never raised 'is 'and against me in anger."
Small Lady: "Reely! Wet's 'is 'obby then?"

Manager (of concert hall, hearing loud sighs during selection of plantation songs): "Ah! sir, I see you are a Southerner."
The Other: "No! I'm a musician."

"Tom says he has both a trade and a profession. Which does he follow?"
"Whenever his money gives out he goes back to his trade."

"I'll give Reggie credit for getting me a nice engagement ring."
"I understand that's what the jeweller did, too."

In the village school the teacher asked the class to explain the meaning of the three words—defence, defeat, and detail.

After a brief pause, one small boy rose and gave the following explanation:

"When our dog jumps over de fence, de feet goes first, and de tail goes last."

"You're back early, Michael," remarked the farmer to a farmhand who had been to a theatre in the town.

The other nodded a silent agreement, and sat down to study his programme.

"Why not?"
"Well, take a look at the programme here. The second act takes place in two years' time."

Angus was habitually late at work, and seldom did a week go by that he had not lost at least one whole morning, making ingenious excuses each time for his failing.

One day, when his first appearance was "after dinner," his foreman's greeting was: "Well, Angus, what excuse have you got this time. I should think you have pretty well worn them all out 'by now, haven't you?"

His reply was: "Yes, sir! I'm afraid I shall have to tell you the truth this time. I dreamt I was out of work, so I didn't trouble to get up."

Conductor (to old lady ascending the steps of the motor-bus): "Old tight!"

Old Lady: "Young man, I'm not old and I'm not tight, an' if I 'as any 'more of yer sauce I'll report yer to the company."

"That night I heard burglars, and you should have seen me dash downstairs!"
"Ah! They were on the roof, of course?"

A new-rich man bought a big place in the country and determined to devote himself to rustic pursuits. To a friend he confided some of his ideas.

"I'm going to have a big lake and breed salmon."

"Oh," said his friend, "you can't do that, old man. Salmon have extraordinary habits, you know. They've got to go down to the sea every year, or something like that."

"What?" cried the rich man. "I don't mind taking the wife and the kids down to the seaside each year, but I'm darned if I'm going to cart a lot of salmon as well!"

The very fat "society" lady was feeling exceedingly annoyed when her husband came in, so he inquired the reason for her bad humour.

"That artist you engaged to sketch me in black and white has called, but he was most rude to me!" said she, indignantly.

"Why," said her husband, "surely not—you must have misunderstood him!"
"Oh, no, indeed," she replied. "It was on account of my—er—plumpness!"

"Well, whatever did the artist say?"
"Why, he looked at me," was the reply, "and said he could draw me best with a pair of compasses!"

The driver of an old cart was stopped by a zealous constable for careless driving. He refused to give his name.

"You'll get yourself into trouble if you don't give me your name," he was warned.

Still he refused.
"Now, then, what is it persisted the constable."

"Better find out," retorted the other.

"Right!" said the constable, going to the side of the cart where the name should be.
"A-ha," he said, after a moment, "now you'll get yourself into trouble. Your name's obliterated."
"You're wrong," cried the driver, "it's O'Brien."

SOLDIERS JAILED

REFLECTION ON THE WHITE MAN

THEFT OF SILVER WARE

Privates A. Woodley and L. Seal, of the 1st Battalion, the Somerset Light Infantry, who on Saturday pleaded "guilty" before Mr. E. W. Hamilton to a charge of larceny of a silver bowl and a silver cup from the Mak Sang Jewellery shop, No. 37, Queen's-road Central, at 9 p.m., on Friday, came up for sentence this morning.

It will be remembered that on Friday night the two men, one of whom was in mutiny, entered the shop and asked to be shown some silver ware. Then they picked up the bowl and cup and ran out of the shop. Employees gave chase and the men were stopped by an Indian constable who took them to Central Police station.

When charged on Saturday, Mr. Hamilton inquired if it was the old story—the men wanted to get out of the Army, and Woodley replied: "No sir, the Army is all right." Both men explained that they took the silver ware because they were short of money. Woodley adding that he owed a debt and had to raise money to discharge it.

This morning the Magistrate remarked on the gravity of the accused's action, which was made all the more serious because of the bad reflection cast on the white man in this Colony. This being so, Mr. Hamilton said that he must take a serious view of the case, and the least sentence that he could pass on the accused in the circumstances was three months' hard labour each.

OPIUM RING

(Continued from Page 1.)

Shifting the Blame

The other two men had less opium, but they gave the Court a lot of trouble by trying to shift the blame on to each other, and the result was that they were given longer terms of imprisonment in lieu of their fines.

His Worship remarked that the previous lot of runners he had before him were better men who, at least, had the decency not to accuse each other.

One man had 40 taels in his box which he claimed at the L. and E. Office and opened himself. He told the Magistrate the box was really the other man's. He (accused) had all his property in a rattan basket and it got soaked by a large wave coming over the side of the ship during the voyage. The other man then lent him one of his boxes to put his (accused's) clothing in. He did not know the opium was there.

Protection of the Court!

Accused further explained that he claimed the box because the other man had advised him to do so, telling him that if he did not own up he would be assaulted by the Revenue men. Now that he had the protection of the Court he was speaking the truth!

Mr. Hamilton (sternly): "I have no doubt that you are up to your neck in this gang and are trying to wriggle out at the expense of someone else."

A fine of \$1,200 or 12 months' jail was imposed.

The other man was then charged with the possession of 45 taels of the drug.

To Sell Earth Worms!

He said that the box containing the opium was the property of the man who had just been sentenced. They came to Hong Kong together and he was merely looking after the box for the other who had a lot of luggage. He had no luggage himself because he was not coming here to stay but was only making a trip of a day or so to sell some earth worms.

Asked where the earth worms were, he said that they had already been disposed of by his partner, who was not arrested.

Mr. Grinnitt said that as soon as the opium was brought to light, accused began to cry and they could not get anything more from him. He (Mr. Grinnitt) believed that this man was one of the principals of the syndicate, because, besides opium, they found in his box documents relating to opium.

"He Enticed Me"

Mr. Hamilton (to accused): The other man said that both boxes were yours?—He enticed me to admit, saying "Whether you admit or not you can't get away," so I at first said this box was mine.

Magistrate: There is a lot of sense in his advice to you!

Accused was fined \$1,800 or 12 months' jail.

The opium in all three cases was confiscated.

Their Majesties the King and Queen of Siam will arrive in Singapore on July 31 on board the "Royal Yacht, Maha Chakri," and escorted by two Siamese gunboats. They will land at Johnston's Pier at 9.30 a.m. and leave on August 2 by R.F.P. flying boats for the "Royal Yacht."

"AUGUST 1"

COMMUNISTS INVASION OF BELGIUM

FORESTALLED BY WIRELESS

London, Yesterday. The German "invasion" of Belgium, namely, a march across the frontier by 600 German Communists "to demonstrate," has been forestalled as the result of wireless appeals to neighbouring Belgian police.

This is one of the incidents described by Reuters' European correspondents in connection with the plans for "Communist's Day" on August 1.

Anti-Communist action is also reported in Holland, Poland, Bulgaria and France.—Reuter.

FRENCH CRISIS

RADICALS DECLINE TO SUPPORT BRIAND

THE NEW CABINET

Paris, Yesterday.

Though the Radicals, who are the largest group in the Chamber, support M. Briand's foreign policy, they have declined to enter the Cabinet. It is expected therefore that M. Briand will preserve the last Cabinet intact, himself taking the Premiership and the portfolio for Foreign Affairs.

M. Briand's Cabinet will be essentially a Cabinet dealing with Foreign Affairs; domestic politics will remain in abeyance throughout the Autumn session of Parliament.

It is expected that M. Briand will proceed to The Hague backed by a massive Parliamentary majority.

The New And The Old

Later. The French Cabinet crisis is now over. M. Briand went to the Elysee at noon to confirm his Cabinet, which is the same as the last, with the omission of M. Poincare.

Parliament To Meet. The new Cabinet held their first meeting and summoned Parliament for the 31st instant to hear a statement of their policy. This is expected to be brief and deal almost exclusively with foreign affairs.—Reuter.

Radicals' Attitude

Paris, Later. The Radicals have decided not to support the Government but they may abstain from voting.—Reuter.

LANCS. MILLS

HOLIDAY APPEARANCE OF "COTTON TOWNS"

A "BREAK AWAY"

London, Yesterday.

Over 1,800 mills are silent in Lancashire to-day. The stoppage began in an atmosphere of gloom and drenching rain.

The outlook is very dark, the only bright spot being the decision of a few owners to stand aside from the dispute and carry on at the present rate of wages. They include Tootal, Broadhurst & Lee, Limited, who believed that research, not reduction of wages, is necessary to enable the industry to meet foreign competition.

Tootal's 3,000 employees are working to-day.

Anxious Lady Minister

The Ministry of Labour announced to-day that Miss Margaret Bondfield (Minister of Labour) is watching the situation with very grave anxiety, but feels that no action is at present possible.

The Employers.

Only one per cent. of the members of the Master Cotton Spinners' Federation have "broken away," and the Federation is considering action regarding the matter.

Complacent Workless

The streets in the cotton towns have a holiday appearance when the operatives, very cheerfully reported to their Trade Union headquarters and complacently accepted the situation.—Reuter.

STREET FIGHTS

QUARREL OVER A LOAN OF \$30

LENDER STRUCK ON EYE

Two Chinese appeared this morning at the Kowloon Police Court on a charge of fighting over a money affair.

First accused said that he had lent the second \$30, on an agreement that he would be paid back by monthly instalments. He had been paid back \$15, and when he asked for the rest of the payments, he was struck in the eye.

His Worship bound both men over in the sum of \$50, to keep the peace for six months.

Another fight occurred in Prince Edward Road, when a Chinese was assaulted by another Chinese with whom were ten others.

A fine of \$5 or eight days' hard labour was imposed on the accused.

POLICE UNIFORM

IMPROVEMENTS FOR ALL RANKS

A SMARTER APPEARANCE

All ranks of the Hong Kong Police Force, Europeans, Indians, and Chinese, are presenting a smarter appearance since the issue of belts with Sam Brown straps over one shoulder. This strap takes on the weight of the revolver, and has the effect of keeping the belt straight.

An improvement in the uniforms of the Chinese constables is the issue of khaki helmets of the military pattern in place of the unsightly thick brimmed headgear which has been in evidence for months past.

The Mohammedan members of the Indian contingent have peak caps with khaki covers issued to them, and these, worn in the place of the turban, give them a much smarter appearance. The Sikh policemen, of course, retain the turban.

THEFT FROM HOTEL

PRESENT TO A CHINESE WOMAN FRIEND

RECEIVER PUNISHED

"I had these given to me by a boy; I did not know that they were stolen goods."

Such was the plea entered by a Chinese woman when she was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy, before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, this morning, with receiving stolen goods.

The goods in question were tea cups, saucers, and glass salt bowls, the property of the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.

The woman was in the employment of Mr. E. M. Field, at the Hotel, but after one month she left, and as a present to her, the house boy gave her the mentioned articles.

Arrested on Warrant

She was arrested on a warrant and the goods were found by the Police in her cubicle in Bowring-street.

A European representative of the Hotel told the Court that they had no definite proof that the boy had stolen them. It was the Hotel's custom that if a boy broke a cup or a saucer he had to pay for it, usually \$2.50.

His Worship said that the woman should have known perfectly well that the goods were stolen.

A fine of \$50 or, in default, one month's jail, was imposed.

LADY DRIVER IN COURT

Miss Adair, driver of private motor car No. 893, was summoned at the Central Magistracy to-day by Traffic Sergeant George for failing to produce her driving licence when called upon to do so, on July 18.

She admitted the charge. Mr. Hamilton: You have a licence?—Yes, I have a temporary one.

You must always carry it with you, you know?—Yes.

Fined \$5.

FRICTION ENDED

Shanghai, Yesterday.

General Lu Chung-lin, Minister of War; Y. L. Tong, Vice-Foreign Minister; and Mr. Shi Tao-pen, Minister of Interior, are expected to arrive at Nanking to-day to resume their respective offices. Their return to Nanking is indicative of the improved relations between the Kuomintang and Nanking.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

PERUVIAN MINISTER

Shanghai, To-day.

Dr. C. T. Wang, Foreign Minister, held a dinner party last evening at the Foreign Office in honour of the Peruvian Minister. The Peruvian Minister suggested the transfer of the Peruvian Legation to Nanking from Peking and asked for a suitable site in Nanking.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

The wedding took place at St. Mark's Church, Seremban, the Rev. H. J. Hutchinson of Malacca officiating, of Mr. Christopher John Ware, manager, Senama Estate, Bahau, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ware, of Bromyard, Worcester, and Miss Mary Dams, daughter of Canon and Mrs. A. E. Dams, of the Rectory, Henley-on-Thames. The bride was given away by Dr. W. L. Braden, and Mr. C. F. R. Bagnall was best man.

Chinese reports state that with the change of the Japanese Government, Mr. Shigemitsu, Consul-General at Shanghai, will be promoted Director of the Bureau of Asiatic Affairs under the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He is returning to Shanghai to settle his official and personal affairs before he assumes the post.

It is notified that H.E. the Governor of the Straits has been pleased to recognise the German Consul-General, Singapore, as being in-charge of Austrian Consular interests throughout the territories included in his jurisdiction.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

"OUR DANCING DAUGHTERS" AT QUEEN'S

A STRONG CAST

Beautiful Joan Crawford and an exceptionally strong cast of players appear in "Our Dancing Daughters," a remarkably daring photoplay which will be shown from Thursday to Saturday at the Queen's Theatre.

The plot concerns a reckless flapper who kisses freely and loses the affections of the man she loves because of gossip that follows in the wake of her madcap adventures. Her chum, a girl who has had previous affairs, obtains forgiveness from her fiancé and is married only to find that her husband looks upon her former male friends with a suspicion.

The two girls, despairing of happiness, attend a gay bon voyage party where the gold-digger, who married the man the first girl loved, creates a sensational scene. The husband, his eyes opened to his wife's duplicity, realises he really loved the girl he rejected. In a moment of drunken frenzy, the gold-digger wife turns herself down a flight of stairs and is killed.

The tragedy brings both couples to the realisation that life is more than a whirl of pleasure and at last they find happiness in domesticity.

Harold Beaumont, in directing the picture, carries out the ultra-modernist trend of the story and settings with some unique camera shots.

DARING CRIME

PROMINENT CHINESE KIDNAPED IN SHANGHAI

MEMBER OF COUNCIL

A daring daylight kidnapping affair was carried out just off Avenue Edward VII, Shanghai, last Wednesday, when Chinese gangsters carried off Mr. Wei Ding-yong, member of the French Provisionary Commission (French Municipal Council), prominent resident of the French Concession and Captain of the Chinese Volunteer Company, French Volunteers.

Mr. Wei was leaving his office at the Atchi Company, 39 Avenue Edward VII, in company with his sons, aged 6 and 8 years old respectively, at 10.30 a.m. Mr. Wei's car was waiting at the curb, the chauffeur at the wheel.

One of the children entered the car and Mr. Wei followed. Then four Chinese who had been standing at the roadside suddenly rushed the car. They threw the chauffeur out of the driving seat and one of the gangsters took his place, rapidly getting the car into motion, while the others held Mr. Wei back in the rear seat. A few yards up the road the child was pushed out of the car.

Down Rue Chu Pao-san the car was driven, across the French Concession and into the Chinese City, and that is the last that has been heard of Mr. Wei, reports the "China Press." At 2.30 p.m. the car, bearing licence number 666, was recovered, being found in the Chinese City on a road that leads towards Minghong.

OLD TAYLOR

AGED BY TIME

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from TUESDAY, the 6th August 1929 to SATURDAY, the 10th August 1929 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
C. F. V. RIBEIRO,
Acting Secretary.
Mong Kong, 30th July, 1929.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN "CHINA MAIL"

Social Functions

To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel, Repulse Bay Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Entertainments

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "New Year's Eve."

To-day—World Theatre; "The Circus."

To-day—Star Theatre; "13 Washington Square."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Belle of Broadway" at 5.20 and 9.15 p.m.; "The Invisible Bride" (Chinese picture) at 2.30 and 7.15 p.m.

Lammerts' Auctions

July 31—At 49, Granville-road, Kowloon, household furniture, 11 a.m.

Aug. 1—At Sales Room, Duddell-street, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Aug. 2—At Sales Room, Duddell-street, postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

Aug. 7—At Sales Room, Duddell-street, valuable leasehold property (situated at Shameen, Canton), 3 p.m.

Home Mails

To-day—Inward from America and ports ("President Grant").

To-day—Outward for America and ports and Europe via Vancouver ("Empress of France"), 6 p.m.

Meeting

July 31—Meeting of Council of Football Association, French Bank Bldgs. (4th floor), 5.30 p.m.

KELLOGG PACT

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A FRENCH MEDIUM

Moscow, Yesterday. The French Ambassador has handed the Foreign Commissar a Note on behalf of the United States advising the Soviet Government of the inauguration on July 24 of the Kellogg Pact.—Reuter.

The name of Mr. Harry Elphick is added to the Commission of the Peace for Singapore.

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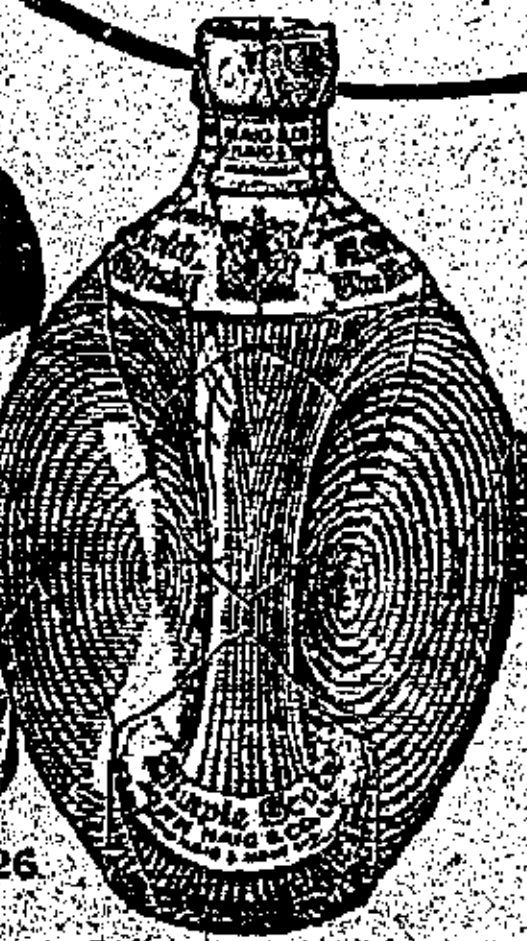
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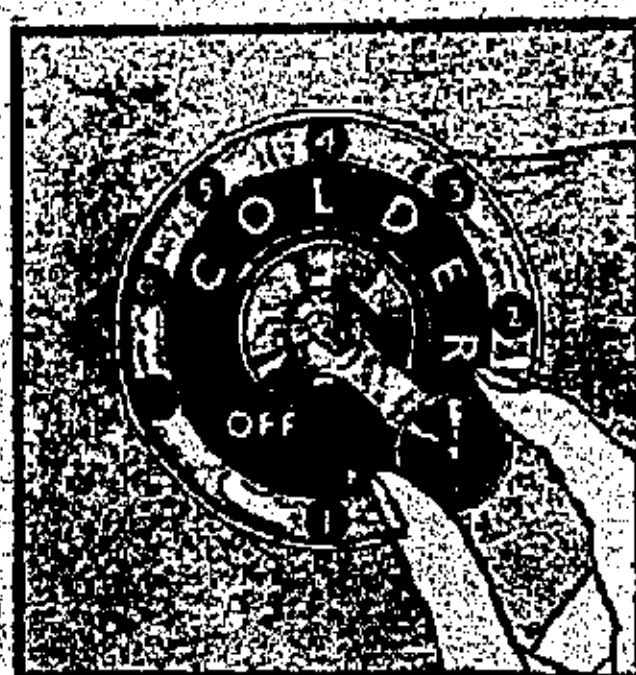
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FAMINE IN NORTH

CONDITIONS DESCRIBED BY INVESTIGATORS

VICTIMS' CORPSES EATEN

Peking, Yesterday.
The return of the China International Famine Relief Committee's investigators makes it possible to sum up the present famine condition of the entire North China area.

Since spring, relief measures and rain have considerably reduced the area affected, while the number of sufferers is halved, now being about 35,000,000.

The famine areas are now Central Kansu, Shensi from Sianfu northwards, North Suiyuan North Chahay, Inner Mongolia, the Yellow River basin and from Shensi border to the sea.

In these areas the suffering is intensifying daily. In Central Kansu there has been no rain for four years. The wheat growing area is like a desert. Anting city's population has been reduced from 60,000 to 2,000.

"What the Dogs Ate"
There is unquestionably a lot of cannibalism. An investigator reports that one magistrate sought to punish those discovered eating corpses of famine victims, but the cannibals pointed out that they were eating what the dogs ate.

Apart from the areas mentioned, rain has now fallen in all provinces, promising fair autumn crops, which will enable the inhabitants to carry on till the spring crops in 1930. This has also forced grain hoarders in many places to put their stocks on the market, appreciably improving the position.

Foreign Deaths
Shansi province is well supplied with food as the Shansi government bought immense quantities of grain.

The North Honan Chinese Society is improving the position by assisting emigration to Manchuria. Fourteen thousand have already left and more are going as soon as the railway opens up west of Loyang.

Typhus has taken a heavy toll among the foreign relief workers in Kansu. Twenty were infected and only seven are recovering. The thirteen dead include French priests and British and American missionaries. Details are at present lacking.—Reuter.

PROHIBITION

NO COMMENT ON WICKER- SHAM NOTE

Washington, July 16.
Dr. J. M. Doran, federal prohibition commissioner, to-day declined to comment on the details of the prohibition plan revealed at Eastern Point by George W. Wickersham, head of President Hoover's law enforcement investigating commission.

Dr. Doran asserted, however, that a clarification of State and Federal functions with regard to prohibition is necessary. He said that one of the most urgent matters before the country to-day is the part the State and Federal Governments are to play in prohibition enforcement.

According to Dr. Doran, he cannot, because of his position, comment on the Wickersham proposal that the control of sale of liquor be left entirely to the States.—United Press.

TARIFF FIGHT

P.I. MISSION WILL NOT STOP WORK

Washington, July 25.
Although the Filipino delegation feels that its fight against tariff restriction has been virtually won in the senate finance committee, it will exercise vigilance against attempts toward restriction from the floor of the Senate, Resident Commissioner Guevara said to-day.

While the Philippines have no members in the Senate, Filipinos here feel that they have strong friends in the Senate who would defend the islands against restriction. Conferences between the delegation and Senators are continuing.—Associated Press.

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On demand 1197 1/2

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Wire 129 1/2

On demand 129 1/2

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Wire 129 1/2

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PICKPOCKET PEST

INDIAN GIRL DRESSED AS A BOY

"Unfortunately because of your sex I cannot deal with you as I would like to. You ought to be whipped," remarked Mr. C. H. G. Clarke, the District Judge, when an Indian girl of the vagrant class came up for sentence on a charge of theft. The girl is said to be 13 years old.

According to the evidence recorded in another court the girl, who was dressed as a boy, got into a bus in which was a Mohammedan merchant among other passengers. She sat next to him and noticed him producing a passport in which he had \$75.

After paying his fare the Mohammedan put the passport in his pocket and thought no more of it until he noticed the girl signalling the bus to stop and getting down hurriedly take to her heels. He then felt for his passport which was missing. By the time he came down from the bus the girl had disappeared. A report was made to the police and the girl was subsequently arrested. In her statement she said she picked up the passport and money which she spent in two days.

Chief Court Inspector Meredith said that the accused was a bad pickpocket. She had a previous conviction for theft and was bound over for six months. A process server attached to the Supreme Court said that the girl was his adopted daughter. She always got away from the house when he was at work.

His Honour: Will you take her home and give her a good lambasting?—Yes, Sir.

His Honour: You won't! When His Honour was informed that there was no place like the Poh Leong-kok for this class of people he sentenced her to three months simple imprisonment. His Honour also told the process server that the girl was an incorrigible thief and asked him to send her away to India on the completion of her term.—Straits Times.

JEWISH 'WHO'S WHO'

COMPLICATIONS IN THE COURTS

The publication of a Hungarian-Jewish "Who's Who," compiled by Peter Ujvary, has given rise to complications which promise to keep the law courts busy. The "Who's Who" is designed to indicate the prominent members of the Jewish race in Hungary, and crosses mark the names of those who have renounced the religion of their fathers.

In many cases, however, the crosses have been found to mark the names of Jews who are devoted adherents of their faith, and of Gentiles who have never been connected with the Jewish race or faith. It is stated that several politicians are about to bring actions, and doubtless others will be brought by the Jews accused of leaving their faith.

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Sport Columns

COUNTY CRICKET

NOTTS JUMP TO THE TOP OF TABLE

SUSSEX ALSO VICTORIOUS

London, Yesterday. Two of the current series of county cricket matches have concluded in two days.

Visiting Pontypridd, Notts defeated Glamorgan by an innings and 121 runs. Scores:—

Notts (1st innings) 393 runs (Whysall made 111).

Glamorgan (1st innings) 124 runs (Staples, S. took 4 wickets for 42 runs. Vece 5 for 40) and, following on (2nd innings) 153 runs (Staples, S. 6 for 41).

Notts were joint fourth with Lancashire (the latter having played one match more) in the table. This victory places them in the lead with 106 points against Kent's 101, Gloucester's 100 and Yorkshire's 100, but these three counties are also engaged and the results will come through tomorrow.

Notts lacked the help of their skipper, A. W. Carr and a fast bowler in Barratt, who were both engaged in the Fourth Test.

Hampshire v. Sussex

Sussex also improved their position, at the expense of Hampshire, the match being played at Bournemouth. Scores:—

Sussex (1st innings) 201 runs and (2nd) 220 runs (K. S. Dalopinsinji made 112; Kennedy took 7 wickets for 80 runs).

Hants (1st innings) 128 runs (Langridge 4 for 48) and 2nd innings 58 runs (Langridge 7 for 15).

Sussex were without the services of Bowley who is playing in the Test.

FOOTBALL

LOH HWA ELEVEN BEATS BANDOENG TEAM

Shanghai, July 25.

The Loh Hwa football team which won on a tour of southern Asia defeated the Bandoeng Fiedel team in Java by 2 to 1 yesterday, according to a telegram received by the "China Times" last night. Lee Wai-tong scored both of Loh Hwa's goals.

The Loh Hwa men arrived at Bandoeng on Tuesday, July 23.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

ENGLISH FOOTBALLERS' S. AFRICAN TOUR

London, July 20.

The Football Association team which, under the captaincy of Jimmy Seed, the Wednesday player, has had a successful tour in South Africa, has returned home. The players, who referred appreciatively to the royal treatment they had received, spoke highly of the standard of play in the Union, and stated that a very keen interest was displayed in all the matches of the tour.

CHAPMAN HOME

A. P. F. Chapman, the England cricket captain, who at the conclusion of successful Australian tour at the beginning of the year, went on to visit his sister and brother-in-law, T. C. Lowry, in New Zealand, has returned home and will be seen in action for Kent during the Maidstone Week match against Lancashire.

ATHLETES TO VISIT CANADA

Canada is about to invite athletes from Britain and the Dominions to compete in an Olympiad at Hamilton next year.

YORK'S GOLF CHAMPION

London, July 20.

J. E. Gent (Bradford Moor) won the amateur golf championship of Yorkshire to-day. The title was held by J. Robinson, who won in 1927 at Huddersfield and repeated his success at Lindrick last year. —Singapore Free Press.

WATER POLO

FIRST TWO GAMES OF THE SEASON

REGIMENTS LOSE

The Water Polo League started yesterday, two games being played at the V.R.C.

There was a fairly large attendance, including a good number of Chinese.

The first game resulted in a win for Kowloon "A" over the Somerset Light Infantry by 4 goals to 2. The soldiers put up quite a good game and although Kowloon scored two goals in the first half, no one could say that the soldiers were beaten at any stage of the game.

Before the interval the soldiers replied with one goal and on resuming they drew level, but Kow-



George Voight, American amateur golfer.

loon got two goals in quick succession toward the end and on the whole were the better of the two teams.

Teams:— Kowloon "A":—Hedley, Rodgers, Watson, Railton, Simpson, Wittell and Logan.

Somerset:—Early, Traylor, Stacey, Fox, Mackenzie, Howard, and Hooker.

Chinese "B" v. K.O.S.B. "B" The Chinese annexed the points by two goals to nil at the expense of the second team of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. The Chinese have speed and tactics, but no team work as yet. The Chinese were by far the better players.

Teams:— Chinese "B":—Chan Sik-pui, Kwok Fung-sun, Ip Koon-im, Lai Sze-chiu, Chun Kam-cheung, Wong Cheung-hin, and Leung Sui-man. K.O.S.B. "B":—Bell, a m, Gardiner, Walker, Gear, Turner, Branch, and Jordan.

TO-NIGHT'S MATCHES

An Official Announcement

There will be two matches to-night at the V.R.C. bath, and the "China Mail" is asked to notify the public that the game scheduled to take place to-night between the Chinese "A" team and the V.R.C. "A" team has not been cancelled. The Secretary of the V.R.C. has not received any notification from the Chinese team to that effect, and the match will, therefore, be called irrespective of the fact whether the Chinese team will turn up or not.

The other game to be played to-night will be between the Royal Navy and the King's Own Scottish Borderers' "A" team.

BOXING

SINGER KNOCKS OUT ANDRE ROUTIS

Brooklyn, July 24.

Al Singer, of New York, defeated Andre Routis, of France, world's feather-weight boxing champion, on a technical knockout in the second round to-night.

Singer's crackling right floored Routis three times in the second before the referee stopped the fight. No title was at stake.—Associated Press.

[Al Singer, sensational New York battler, was recently knocked out by Ignacio Fernandez, Filipino battler in three rounds. Singer, at the time of his defeat was being groomed for a bout for the featherweight title. While the cable is very meagre it is presumed that Singer entered the ring over the featherweight limit or the title would have changed hands.]

In all probability Singer will now be in line for a titular match with Routis. Fernandez and Kid Chocolate are also in the running for a crack at the title.]

THE FACE OF THE FIGHTER

[By Robert Edgren]

If you look at the latest modes in champions, and compare them with the birds who held titles when it was customary for champions to work at their trade instead of posing as literati, or beauty models, you may notice a slight difference in their looks.

Our business geniuses trying to tap out fortunes without risk have different profiles. They are nice smooth-looking lads, with oval faces, round soft chins, arched eyebrows. They have perfectly straight noses, ears like rose petals, and foreheads that rise perpendicularly from their eyebrows to their hair. They try to look entirely unlike fighters. And that's all right. They aren't fighters, even though they have the shoulders of fighters and probably could fight pretty well if somebody offered them substantial proof that they couldn't get the money any other way.

Mark Of The Fighter

The slanting brow was the mark of the old time champions. They all had slanting brows and bulgy eyebrows. This peculiar characteristic of the fighter isn't new. The cave men had those protruding brows. Students of cranial construction say this denotes superior perceptiveness. That is, the slanting brow and bump over the

eyebrows indicates superior ability to see a punch coming in time to duck, or to see an opening in time to cop with a sock on the button. In some cases the bumpy eyebrows may indicate a habit of ducking into punches and taking them on the eyebrows rather than on the chin. But in either case the man with slanting brow is almost always the fighter.

Some say a slanting brow indicates lack of intelligence, and that anyone who fights for a living can't be intelligent. But there's nothing notably dumb about getting up where an evening's light labour earns \$100,000.

Bob Fitzsimmons was the smartest fighter in history. He had a sloping brow. So did Jeffries, the behemoth of all battlers, and Willard, who knocked out Johnson.

Harry Greb, middle-weight world's champion and American light-heavy-weight champion, was the "fightingest" bit of humanity in recent years. Jack Dempsey said Greb was "a busy bee—always stinging." He whipped Tom Gibbons and Gene Tunney—both much bigger. Greb had the most sloping forehead I remember seeing. His eyebrows bulged out in a bump an inch thick, and he must have had that acute perceptiveness, because he could hit from everywhere at once and land everything.

Jack Dillon, the light-heavy-weight champion, was a great fighter—so much better than his class that he went out of it and whipped Weinert, Frank Moran, Tom Cowler, the great Gunboat Smith, and a score of other heavy-weights. He had the fighter's facial angle.

Benny Leonard had a very long head with plenty both back of and in front of the ears, a high forehead, but the fighter's slanting brow and bulge over the eyes. Benny was a thinker in the ring. If any man gave him a tough fight once, Benny whipped him easily in a second fight. And he could fight like a streak and punch like a middle-weight.

Joe Gans had a facial angle something like Leonard's. Some type, intelligent, thinking fighter, a furious and effective mixer when stung.

The Ideal

Jack Dempsey was the ideal fighter. He fought his best against odds, beating much bigger men. Sudden, furious, relentless, Dempsey was such an outstanding

figure among champions that even now when he is through with the game, he's a more popular figure than any little holder. Dempsey had the perfect fighting profile. Slanting forehead, protruding brows, high cheek bones and square jaw of an Indian, rounded and obstinate chin. His eyebrows meet over his nose. That is common to many fighters—McGovern, Jeffries, a lot of others.

Mr. Muldoon, or any other promoter, might apply the facial angle test to all champions. Toss out the intellectual-looking lads and promote the sockers with slanting brows. It might be tough on the boxing intellectuals, but it would produce much more excitement for the box office supporters.

By the way, Gene Tunney, intellectual-in-chief in fistcuffs, has that sloping forehead and protruding brow. And probably he was more fighter than student of literature, if he is now taking a daily swim in the Mediterranean with Bernard Shaw. He certainly did some slam bang socking with Dempsey at both Philadelphia and Chicago.

TENNIS

CRAIGENGOWER C.C. BEAT THE UNIVERSITY

On their own courts yesterday, Craigengower met and beat the University by 8 sets to 1 on the Mixed Doubles League.

Miss Grace Ho Tung had bad luck in twisting her ankle towards the end of the first set, and was thus forced to retire. A substitute, however, filled the vacancy.

HENLEY ANECDOTE

STORY OF A FAMOUS LEANDER STROKE

The opening of Henley Regatta on July 3 prompted a correspondent in the London "Daily Telegraph" to recall an amusing story of a famous Leander stroke who used to drive his men along at a high rate without doing any work himself.

The crew behind him got rather tired of this, and one day secretly added an inch and a half on to his car. John, to give him one of his nicknames, did not notice the addition, but was very much chagrined when he found that he was unable to get more than twenty-four strokes a minute out of his crew.

To the delight of the latter, he kept turning his head round and cursing them for their laziness.

After a sleepless night John went down to the boathouse by himself and measured his car. With the greatest care he shaved his blade down to five inches, and repainted it.

The crew were due to row a course that day, and on the way down he carefully set the stroke at twenty-four, and once more swore at the crew all the time for their sluggishness.

Then they turned and started on the course. John went off at forty-four, and never dropped below forty-two. That was the last time anyone ever tried tricks of that kind on him.

Following the example of the police of the Shanghai International Settlement, the Chief of the Bureau of Public Safety of the Chinese Municipality of Greater Shanghai has decided to employ 22 women detectives and investigators in an effort to curb the habit of women accomplices of criminals of carrying concealed weapons for the thugs. Since this decision was made a number of women candidates have been studying detective work, under the supervision of experienced male detectives. An examination of these candidates was held recently, after which the successful ones were authorised to search all suspicious-looking females at railway stations and wharves.

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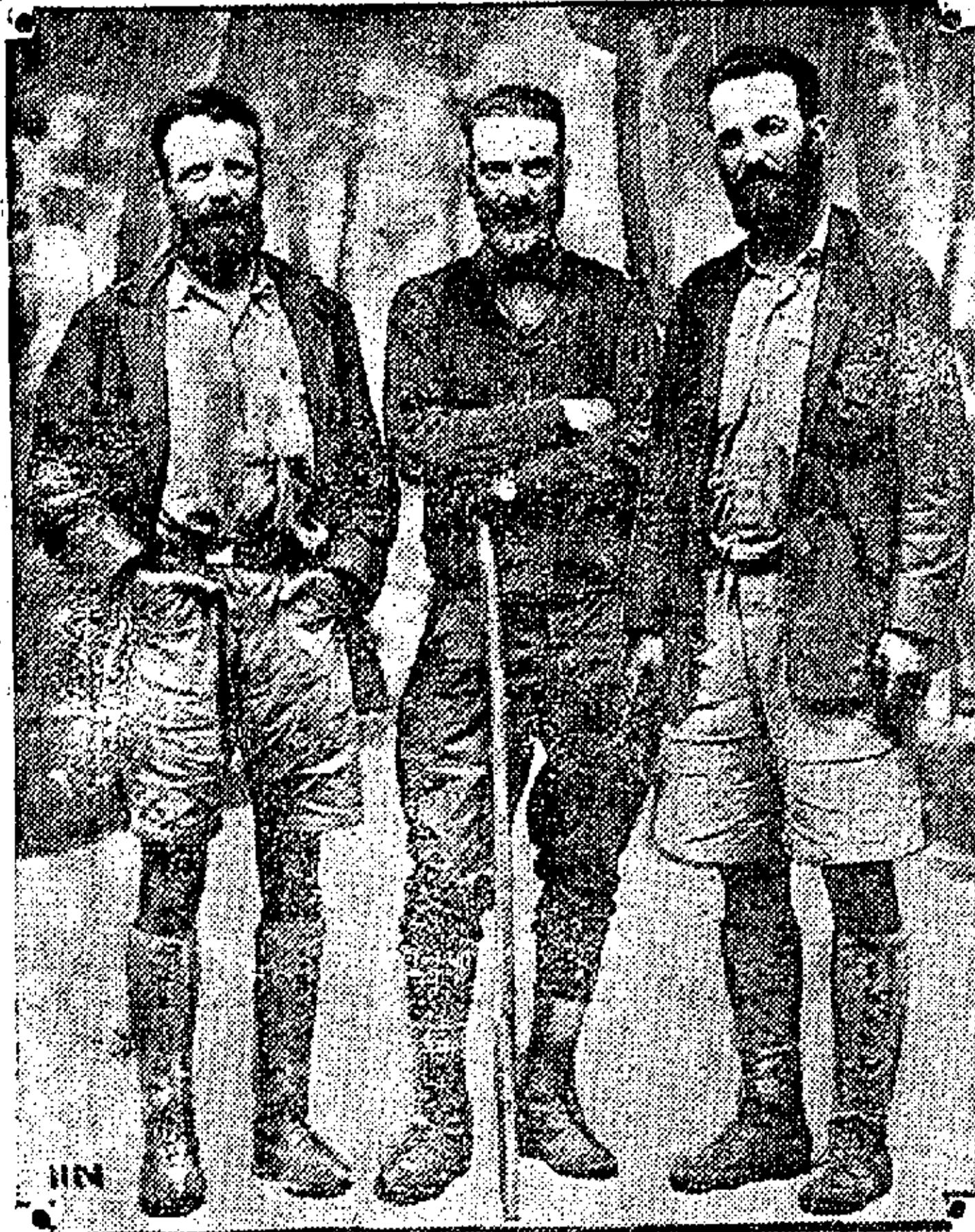


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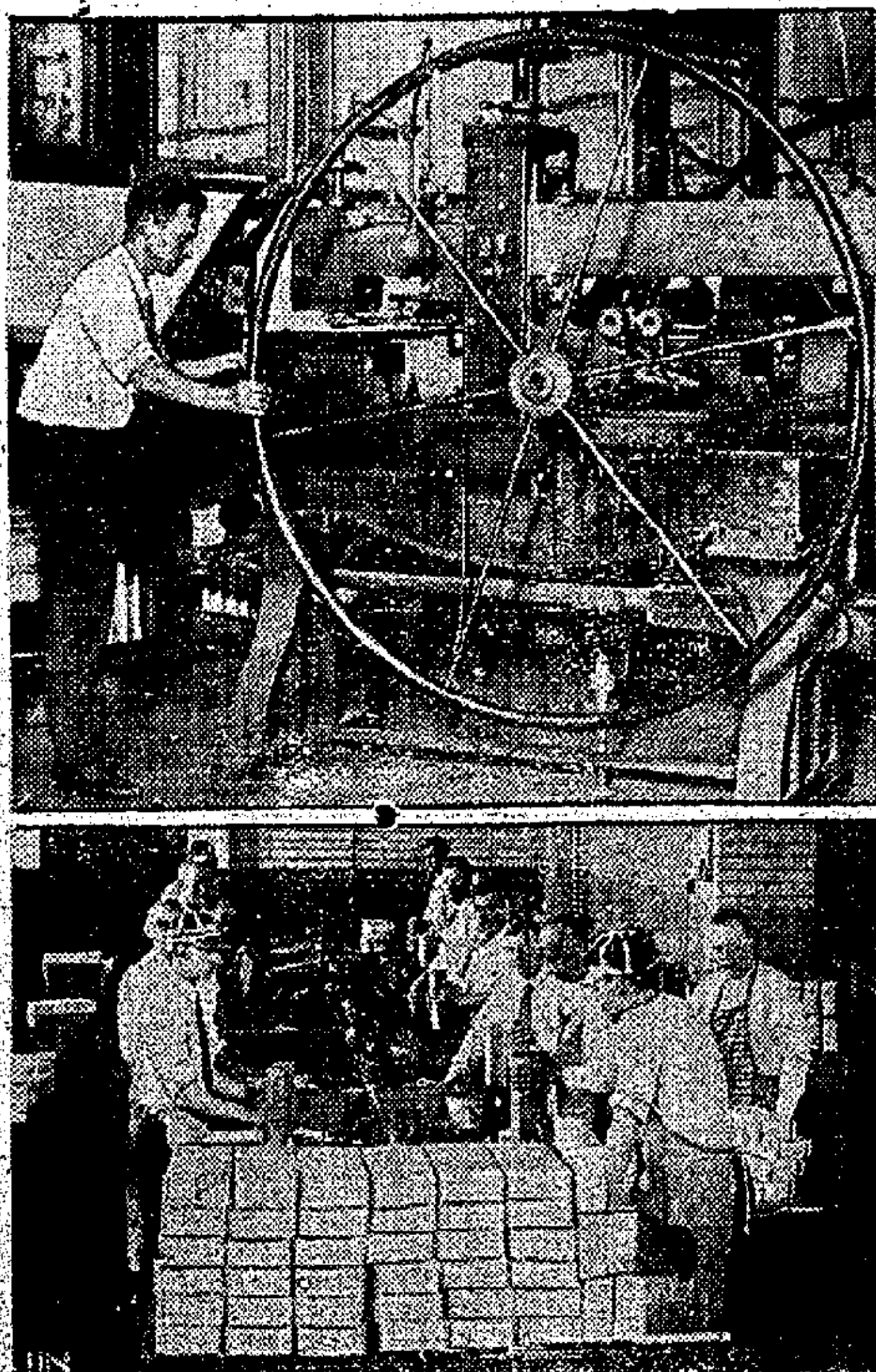
Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Suydam Cutting and Kermit Roosevelt, left to right, as they appeared at Yunnanfa, China, after their hunting expedition into the mountains of Tibet. Colonel Roosevelt left Hong Kong this morning by the a.s. "President Jefferson."

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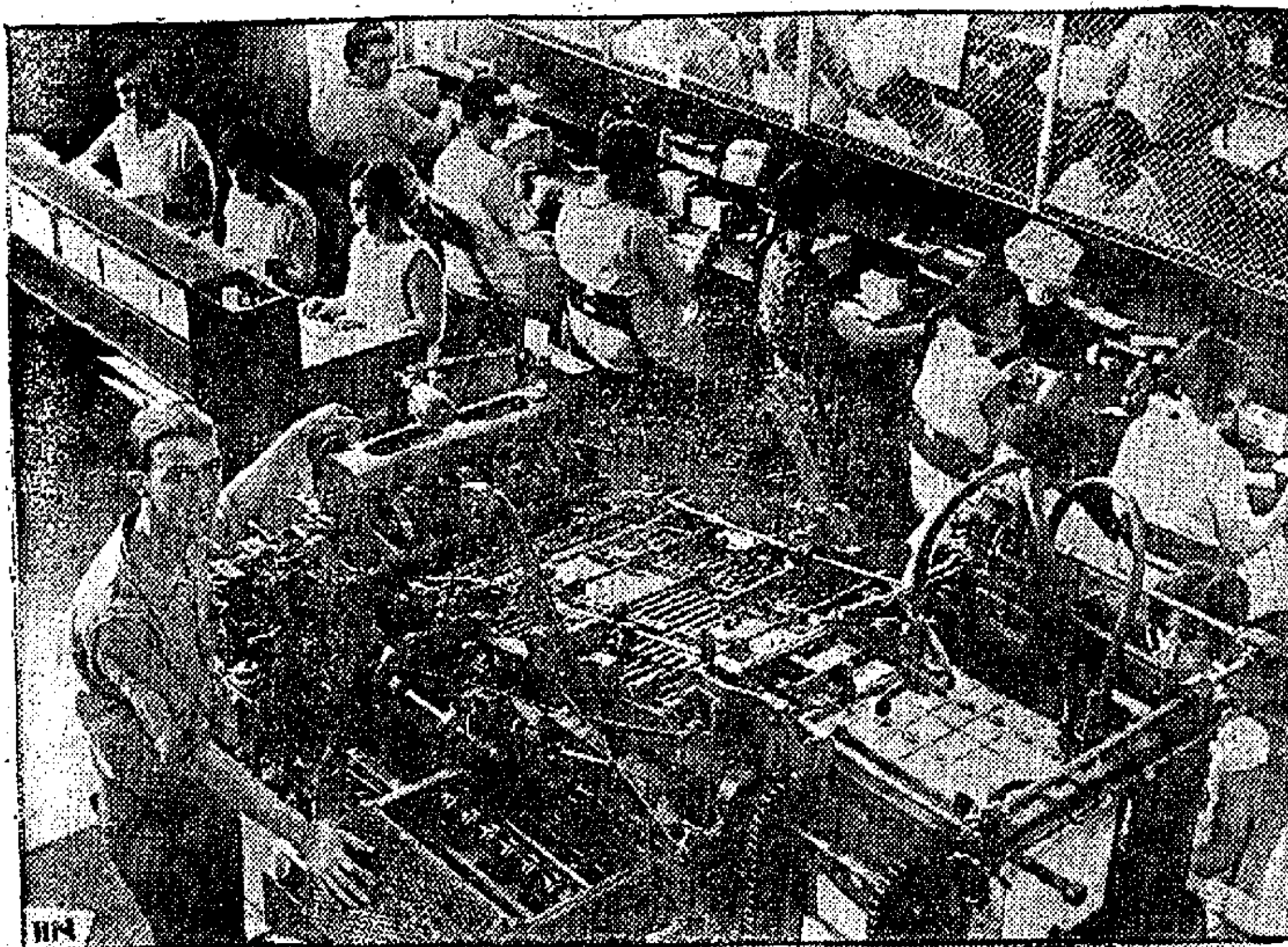
Do you know how it feels to be left at the altar? It's a terrible experience, worth at least \$250,000, according to Ann Livingston, shown here, who is suing Franklin Hardinge, inset, rich manufacturer, in a Chicago court. The symptoms seem to fit a bad case of the grippe, for, as the young divorcee testifies: "Sharp pains darted through me, my heart hurt, the back of my neck felt drawn."

Says "Learn the Portraits"



The U.S. Treasury Department urges the public to learn the portraits on the new currency which is soon to be put in circulation. Top left, preparing the engraved plates for the new small size currency; below left, packing the new currency; and, below right, loading the new currency. All pictures taken at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington. The Treasury Department is placing a distinctive portrait on each denomination and the public is requested to "Go by the portrait." The portrait of George Washington will appear on the \$1 bill, Lincoln on the \$5's and Hamilton on the \$10's.

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Lightning Strikes Convent



For many hours firemen battled the blaze which totally destroyed the Sacred Heart convent at Sault au Recollet, Canada. The fire was caused by a bolt of lightning striking the building during a very heavy storm. Twenty-two convalescent nuns were rescued from the structure, which was damaged to the extent of more than \$1,000,000.

The Flying Lindys



Perhaps many thought that Colonel Charles Lindbergh, top, would do all the flying for his family but his bride, below, the former Anne Morrow, seems to have different ideas on the subject. Anyhow, she's flying with him on his cross-country tour of airports. These excellent close ups show the Eagle and his mate togged for the trip.

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INWARD MAJLS.

From	TUESDAY, JULY 30.	Per
Straits and Calcutta	Yuensang	
Swatow and Amoy	Cremer	
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuen	
Japan	Arafura	
	THURSDAY, AUGUST 1.	
Straits	Talma	
Amoy	Talamba	
Europe via Suez (Letters & papers)	London	
July 4 & parcels, June 27)	Kashmir	
	FRIDAY, AUGUST 2.	
U.S.A. (Settled July 13) Canada, Japan & Shanghai	President Lincoln	

OUTWARD MAJLS.

For	TUESDAY, JULY 30.	Per
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong So	4 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	4.30 p.m.
Manila	President Grant	4.30 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	Empress of France (Due Vancouver, B.C., 17th Aug.)	
	Parcels July 30, 3 p.m.	
	Registration 4.15 p.m.	
	Letters 5 p.m.	
Shanghai	Empress of France	
	Registration July 30, 7 p.m.	
	Letters 6 p.m.	
	THURSDAY, JULY 31.	
Hoihow	Kwei Yang	8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Sun Ning	12.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kutsang	
	Parcels July 31, noon	
	Letters 1 p.m.	
	Yuensang	5 p.m.
	THURSDAY, AUGUST 1.	
Amoy and Japan	Cremer	10 a.m.
Straits	Ixon	10.30 a.m.
Japan and *Victoria, B.C.	(Due Victoria, B.C., 27th Aug.)	
	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Sui An	3.15 p.m.
Amoy	Yingchow	3.30 p.m.
	FRIDAY, AUGUST 2.	
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Arafura (Due Thursday Island, 17th Aug.)	
	Parcels Aug. 2, noon	
	Registration 1.45 p.m.	
	Letters 2.30 p.m.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Khyber (Due Marseilles, 1st Sept.)	
	G.P.O.	
Parcels Aug. 2, 4.30 p.m.	Parcels Aug. 2, 5 p.m.	
Registration Aug. 2, 9 a.m.	Registration Aug. 3, 9.45 a.m.	
Letters 10 a.m.	Letters 10.30 a.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hanyang	1 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

**ON WRONG SIDE?
CHARGE AGAINST CHINESE
CAR OWNER**

NEGLIGENCE ALLEGED

The traffic case adjourned by Mr. E. W. Hamilton last Tuesday, in which Andrew Tse was summoned for negligent driving on the Beach-road at Repulse Bay on the afternoon of July 15, was again mentioned in Court this morning.

Mr. M. K. Lo, for the defence, who was not in Court last week, appeared this morning, but his client was not present.

In mentioning the case, Mr. Lo said that he would like first to make some remarks with regard to his non-attendance at the last hearing. In view of the remarks published in the Press it might appear to all who did not know the circumstances that he had shown disrespect to the Court.

Mr. Hamilton: It's all right, Mr. Lo; I received your letter subsequently.

Council's Difficulty

Mr. Lo said that he wanted to make it clear that that letter was written by him on Monday last and he had given instructions for it to be delivered at the Magistrate's early on the following morning, before the Court sat, and he was under the impression that it was so delivered. The difficulty he had was that he did not know whether Mr. Hamilton, Major Willson, or Mr. Macleod was going to hear the case, and therefore he could not address the letter to an individual.

Mr. Hamilton repeated that it was quite all right. The letter had gone to the Chief Clerk's Office, and by the time it was opened, he (Mr. Hamilton) was already in Court. He had found it on his desk in Chambers when he left Court.

Request for Facts

In applying for a date to be fixed for the hearing of the case, Mr. Lo asked for facts and the grounds which constituted "negligence" in this case. As the Magistrate well knew negligence consisted of a variety of acts. For example, recently a defendant was convicted of negligence for driving a car with one hand and hugging a girl with another! (Laughter)

He (Mr. Lo) wanted to know the exact nature of negligence his client was alleged to have been guilty of.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Nicols said that according to Mr. A. S. MacKichan, the principal witness for the prosecution, he was driving to the beach when the defendant came in the opposite direction on the wrong side of the road and drove into Mr. MacKichan's running board.

Suggestion from Bench

Mr. Hamilton suggested that Mr. Lo would get fuller particulars from the evidence when the case was heard.

Mr. Lo: With all due respect to your Worship it is suggested that I am not entitled to the full facts now in order to prepare my defence?

The Magistrate: I am suggesting that the facts will come out in evidence if both sides speak the truth, Mr. Lo.

Mr. Lo: But I ought to know at the earliest opportunity the nature of the offence my client is accused of committing.

"Driving Rather Fast"

Traffic Sub-Inspector Nicols: He was driving rather fast and on the wrong side of the road and ran into Mr. MacKichan's car.

Mr. Lo: Driving rather fast, and on the wrong side—right!

Mr. Hamilton fixed the hearing of the case for 11.15 a.m. on Saturday.

Three seamen were burned during a fire in the French steamer "Capitaine Bonelli" at Newport Docks.

**BRITISH - AMERICAN
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**"SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS"
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A NAVAL AGREEMENT

London, Yesterday.

It is authoritatively stated that substantial progress towards a naval agreement has been achieved at a further conference between Mr. MacDonald, First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, General Daves and Mr. Hugh Gibson.—Reuter.

President Hoover's Ambition

Washington, Yesterday.

To hold a Naval Limitation Conference in London in 1929 is President Hoover's ambition, according to those in closest touch with him.

The President spent the week-end fishing in Virginia to which aeroplanes rushed a series of despatches recording the developments as to naval negotiations.

Pres. Hoover is now confident that they are the prelude to a successful limitation conference, possibly in London, where the atmosphere is most favourable.

U.S. Army and Retrenchment

The Army Secretary, Mr. J. Q. Good, who has been the President's companion during the week-end

***** Degrees

Temperature, 10 a.m., to-day	76
Temperature, 4 p.m., yesterday	86
Humidity, 10 a.m., to-day	94
Humidity, 4 p.m., yesterday	67

***** says that the General Staff will now concentrate upon a survey of military expenditure with a view to reductions.—Reuter's American Service.

ARMY ECONOMY

Hoover Orders a General Investigation

Washington, July 23.

On the grounds that "the purely military expenses of the United States are greater than those in any other nation" and that there was less danger of war now than at any period in the last century, President Hoover has decided to appoint a commission of army officers within the General Staff to investigate the feasibility of reducing military expenditures.

The President said that the Commission will be charged to make an inquiry into what has been made obsolete by the advances of science and what army programmes can be spread over a longer period while maintaining complete and adequate preparedness.

President Hoover, in making this announcement, pointed out that the estimated military outlay in 1929 was \$803,000,000 being an increase of \$120,000,000 over last year, while the average expenditure

**ITALIAN CONSULATE
COM. BAISTROCCHI LEAVES
FOR HOME TO-DAY**

NEW CONSUL COMING

Commander A. Baistrocchi, Italian Consul-General in Hong Kong, left for Italy to-day via America by the "President Jefferson". He is accompanied by his wife and their eleven-year-old son.

The Consul is now temporarily in charge of Signor Ugo Gonella, who is the principal in the firm of Messrs. Gonella and Hazeland, architects and surveyors.

The new Consul-General who is coming out to assume office is Signor A. Maffei. He is expected to arrive here in a few days. Mr. Maffei was attached to the Italian Consulate at Harbin for many years, whence he is coming here. He has had an extensive knowledge of Chinese politics and was much liked by the Chinese in Harbin.

The Late Consul-General

Com. Baistrocchi, the departed Consul-General, was in Hong Kong only for a year, but during his short sojourn here, he has taken a keen interest in the Chinese situation. He visited Kwangtung and Kwangai on several occasions, and he was largely instrumental in obtaining the release of Father Dallamasso, who was captured by bandits two months ago.

Com. Baistrocchi has had a brilliant career in the Italian Navy. He held several important posts during the Great War. He is also the author of several books, some of which have been translated into different languages.

**CONSULAR COURTS
SYMPATHY WITH DEMAND
FOR RENUNCIATION**

DR. C. H. WANG'S EFFORTS

Shanghai, Yesterday.

A telegram was sent to Nanking by Dr. Wang Chung-hui (Minister of Justice) in which he mentioned optimistic views in regard to the prospect of renunciation by the interested Powers of consular jurisdiction in China.

He stated that he had approached the Powers concerned regarding this problem and that they have expressed the same view and would exert their influence to make their respective Governments take steps to meet China's aspiration.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

[Dr. C. H. Wang, a brother of Professor C. Y. Wang of the University of Hong Kong, was delegated to represent China at judicial proceedings at The Hague.]

on the army and navy before the War was only \$266,000,000 a year. The possibility of tax reduction, said the President, was dependent largely on ability to curtail military and naval expenditure. He regards the national situation as being modified by the Kellogg Treaty. He also hoped that economy would be possible through a naval disarmament agreement. This is interpreted as referring to the possibility of a naval agreement between Great Britain and the United States.—Associated Press.

Mr. Stimson's Views

New York, July 2.

The action of the Secretary of State, Mr. Stimson, in taking official notice of the London discussions of naval parity is interpreted as a plain intimation that the Hoover Government would insist upon equality in all classes of warships in any arms limitation conference that might be called.

Mr. Stimson declared that naval parity implied peace, since nations bent on fighting each other do not agree to have equal navies. This opinion was evidently given to offset reports from London suggesting that any armament agreement between the British and American Governments should disregard the question of preserving naval parity, because it implied hostilities, and should be based on the broader principle that the two nations would never engage in war.

Mr. Stimson said he believed that the doctrine of parity was of great importance, not as a means of deterring two nations were to shoot at each other, but as a means of helping them to agree not to do so. The minute nations agreed not to outbuild each other, they were taking one of the longest steps possible towards not having war.

It is feared that the American advocates of a big navy will be encouraged by Mr. Stimson's statement, because they believe that cruiser reduction would be impossible so long as parity remains the rule.

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